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The Eagle's Eye As the sun rises on another day, the Edison eagle, a symbol of strength and independence, looks down on the school from his perch above the front entrance. Witnessing the changes of many years, this silent observer could certainly tell us stories of the past.

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"Wow! Can you believe all the things that have happened this year?

"Yeah, like the new $100 parking fee, the addition of a maintenance building, outdoor basketball courts, and crowning a king for homecoming."

"I never really noticed before how much things have changed."

"Really, everything's so different."

Experiencing the most change, freshmen underwent a metamorphosis from intermediate school pupils to full-fledged high school students. Sophomores and juniors matured in their attitudes about school and life. Seniors, looking back on their last four years, recognized that they had experienced many changes. Senior Amy Hofbauer said, "The changes I've seen in my four years here have been unbelievable. We've had a new principal, new teachers, and exciting, innovative courses. Even the Franconia community looks completely different. It doesn't even seem like the same school I came to four years ago as a freshman!" More changes are anticipated as the Springfield/Franconia Parkway nears completion.

Alumni, too, have seen tremendous changes in the students and the school. Gary Embrey, a graduate of the class of 1968, commented, "Because we live in a faster-paced society, the students are drawn in different directions and don't have the luxury of making school their top priority."

As we look back over the year, we realize that we have changed. We can never return to the past, but we look forward to the future, knowing that . . .

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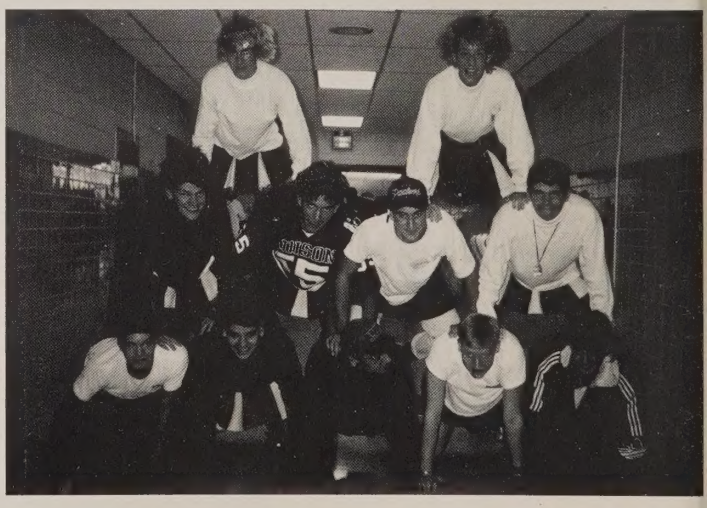

Amy Dievendorf

Facing a transformation were the junior and senior guys who chose to dress up for the powder puff game. Junior Mike Hendrickson explained, "It showed a lot of class spirit."

Because of budget cuts, many programs are in jeopardy, including art and music, both of which are popular electives. Junior Tsegaya Persons demonstrates his artistic ability by molding clay.

Daniel Reed

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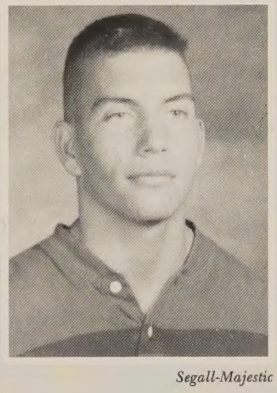
Amy Dieven

Because of costly parking fees, many students had to park on the side streets near Edison. Most students were lucky not to get ticketed. The officer on hand said that as long as an emergency vehicle could get by, their cars could stay parked there.

Edison High School received the proud honor of housing the new Fairfax County maintenance facility and construction began this past July. The new distribution center will house repair vehicles which will service the Area I schools. It is hoped that many of Edison's vocational students will be able to gain valuable job training while working at the maintenance facility.



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"Over the past couple of years, I have noticed that the interest in colleges has grown and students have become more competetive in their classes."
— Andy Million '93

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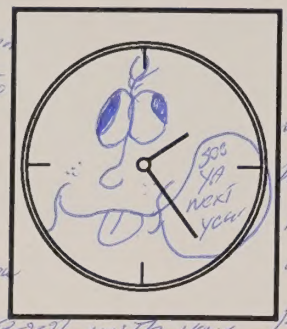


STUDENT LIFE

Forever Changing

Melissa Lawrence
Amanda McDougall
Student Life Editors

The final bell rang faithfully at 2:20 pm every day. As soon as the students poured into the hallways and teachers sighed in relief, everyone anxiously awaited the start of the weekend activities that lay ahead. Freshman Michelle Martin expressed a sentiment shared by many students at the end of school on Fridays. "I feel glad because I don't have to worry about work being due the next day and I might be able to get away from Virginia for the weekend."

Weekend activities were forever changing and ranged from sleeping in past noon to waking up at the crack of dawn to get to work. No matter what the weekend had in store, almost everyone was relieved it had finally come.

Although the weekends were without a doubt great, there were several after school activities to keep the work days just as much fun. Many students participated in sports or clubs, while others stayed after for extra help or to make up work.

As the months flew by, tests and quizzes came and went along with fads and fashions, eventually everyone got into the groove of things by creating a specific style and attitude of his own.

A cluster of "B Lunch" juniors spend their lunch break chatting outdoors, despite the nippy fall weather. For most students, lunchtime was tendered as dearly as the weekend — a chance to take a break from the fast pace of the day.

Summer Will Never Be. . .

This Way Again

While many students may have spent the dog days of summer working at a restaurant or an office job, there were others who took part in activities which were a little less laborious and a lot more exciting.

Students participated in activities ranging from scaling the rocks at Great Falls to taking an exhilarating trip down choppy white water rapids. Regardless of what activity they participated in, the students were glad to embark on a new experience.

Sophomore Melissa Roche felt that going white water rafting in West Virginia was the most fun she's ever had. Even though the trip included loads of excitement, Melissa admitted that there were moments which were very frightening. "The first big rapid was scary because DeAnn Lance fell out, and when that happened it made all of us kind of jumpy. There was a rapid that swirled downward and Erica Ahdoot and I were trapped underneath the rapid for a long period of time. It was so scary because I couldn't breathe. Advice for those interested in white water rafting would be to know how to swim and not to be afraid of water. The trips can be very exhausting, so you need to be in good physical condition."

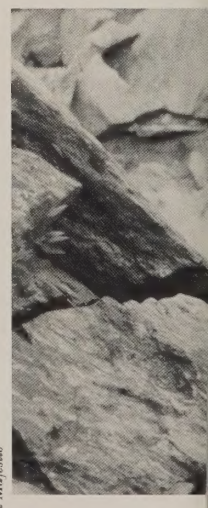
Cheerleading camp, which was held in the Poconos, was a great success. The squad was nominated for the Squad of Excellence Award and junior Cyndie Boehm was chosen to receive the highest possible honor, "All-American Cheerleader." Cyndie believes the squad was successful because of their hard work and cooperation.

Junior Ashley Becker's confidence soared while he climbed the rocks at Great Falls. He admitted that it's not uncommon to be nervous, even after the first few climbs. "It frightens you when you see how far up you are off the ground. The best thing to do is to continue to go on more climbs until you get used to being that high off the ground." Ashley became comfortable after his fourth or fifth climb. "If someone is afraid of heights, or is uncomfortable with a situation, he shouldn't attempt to do it until he feels that he will be successful," advised Ashley. The courageous junior said he will definitely continue rock-climbing.

-Jerri Ross

Liz Alexander

They Keep Going . . . The varsity cheerleading squad dress up as Energizer Bunnies for the team competition held at their camp in the Poconos.



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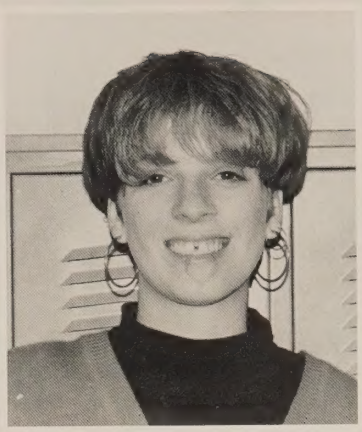
Miss All American Junior Cyndie Boehm cheers the Eagles on at one of the first football games. She was one of the few chosen cheerleaders to be on the National All-American Cheerleading Squad.

The Wet and Wild Adventure Splashing merrily down the New River in West Virginia are DeAnn Lance, Melissa Roche, Thuy Cao, Michelle Roche, Sarah Fellenbaum, Erica Adhoot, and Kelly Fredrick.

A Definite Cliffhanger Junior Ashley Becker pauses to take a rest while scaling the rocks at Great Falls. Although rock-climbing is a dangerous pasttime, with caution, it can be an exhilarating sport.



During the summer months, junior Brooke Wilbraham, an intern with the "I Dig Alexandria" program, studied artifacts from Civil War hospitals dating back as far as 1877. Brooke explained, "I was just thinking about archeology one day and I really became interested, so I decided to explore the field." As a result of participating in the archeological digs, Brooke feels that her studies have more relevance and importance. "Even though I'm a volunteer, when I take part in archeology I don't feel as if I'm providing a service, but that I am privileged to be able to do something so fascinating. Finding evidence of history is the best reward I could ask for, because I know by finding artifacts that I am helping historians learn more about the past."

Kings Added To Homecoming Court

Royalty Reigns

Traditionally the homecoming court has consisted only of queens chosen by their respective classes. The Student Government Association and its sponsor, Ms. Lisa Irizarry,

decided to liven up the group. "It was time for a change," explained Ms. Irizarry. "I thought adding kings would be a great idea, something new and different," she added.

Juniors Jeny Amaya and Alexandra Stewert liked the idea. Seniors Carol Goode, Shawnickle Timmons and Carnetta Williams agreed. "I think the people in charge shouldn't have waited so long to have kings on court," said Shawnickle.

"When I got to Edison I wondered why there weren't kings on court. Personally I think if there are going to be prom kings there should be homecoming kings," said senior Sahanna Gist. "I like the idea of kings being on court. That way the queen doesn't have to look so lonely in pictures.I hope the idea of having homecoming kings continues," said senior Andrew Butts.

The addition of a king heightened the excitement at the homecoming game and as halftime approached everyone waited patiently for the names of the new queen and her king. The court members lined up behind the class floats to make their entrance. Crystal Ellerman worried that they'd never make it to the field. "The seniors' float was so big that it wouldn't clear the entrance on to the track. After several tries, the float made it through with only a fraction of an inch on either side," she explained.

"I was astonished and I still am," said Sherri White as she reminisced about the night. When Casmir Yasutis was announced the first homecoming king his friends on the football team and court literally jumped for joy as Mike Riolo leapt into his arms and Ted Hall tousled his hair. "Probably the happiest person was my grandmother," laughed Casimir.

Other members of the court included: freshmen Natalie Horowitz, Keesha Lawrence, Pat Embry,and Doug West; sophmores Kim Kellmel, Beth Moran, Darren Day and Paul Simpson; and juniors Sandra Osorio, Lindsey Tharp, Jose Riveras, and Mike Ryan.

Escorted by her father, Sherri was crowned by the 1990 homecoming queen Megan Kenny. Casimir received a scepter from Megan, currently a freshman at Virginia Tech. Megan, Casimir, and Sherri then climbed into a Chrysler LeBaron convertible for the ceremonial drive around the track.

-Joy Wright

The Crowning Touch As she crowns the 1991 homecoming queen, Sherri White, former queen Megan Kenny loses her own tiara. It is a tradition for the previous year's queen to return to Edison for the ceremony.

Senior Princesses and Princes Niki Rhoads, Hope Moran, Sherri White, Deann Lance and Crystal Ellerman are joined by the first boys on court — Shad Ramsdall, Mike Victoria, Mike Riolo, Casimir Yasutis and Ted Hall.

All in the Family Because his mother was unable to attend the homecoming game, Casimir was escorted by his proud grandmother, Mrs. Marian Gualteri. Casimir is the first homecoming king in Edison's history.

The junior, sophomore, and freshman court representatives gather in the courtyard for pictures.

Even in Defeat, Eagles are Triumphant

The Big Game

A nervous, yet eager, team gathered in the locker room anticipating the homecoming night game against its arch-rival, the West Potomac Wolverines. Senior Eugene

Mays verbalized what was going through many of the players' minds: "I was nervous about West Potomac's domination in the past, but with a team effort, I knew we could compete with them."

Fired up and ready to play, the Eagles could hardly keep still during the chorus's singing of the National Anthem and the requisite lineup announcements. When the game finally began, the Wolverines scored first, but the Eagles quickly retaliated. A tremendous 95-yard kickoff return by sophomore Darion Jones put the Eagles on the scoreboard and gave Jones a school record.

The defensive unit held the Wolverines to only eight points during the first half. The Eagles went up 13-8 when quarterback Jones connected with Clarence Farmer for a 65-yard touchdown pass. When the Eagles jogged off the field towards the locker room at halftime, the fans were ecstatic. It appeared that the incredulous had happened.

Halftime festivities included floats from each class. The freshman float, "Hansel and Gretel," won the "Most Organized" award. The sophomores followed with "The Three Little Pigs," giving them the award for "Most Theme-Oriented." "The Little Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe" was the juniors creative effort, winning them the prize for "Most Humorous." Finally, the seniors rolled in their pirate ship from "Peter Pan," giving them the "Most Creative" award. As the track cleared, the team came back onto the field. They were not able to hold their lead in the second half, and were defeated 22-13.

-Jerri Ross and Mike Riolo

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Riding High The seniors showed their school spirit by having Captain Wolfman walk the plank. Shown here are Diana Voron, Kelly Fredrick, Erica Haubert and Amy Dievendorf.

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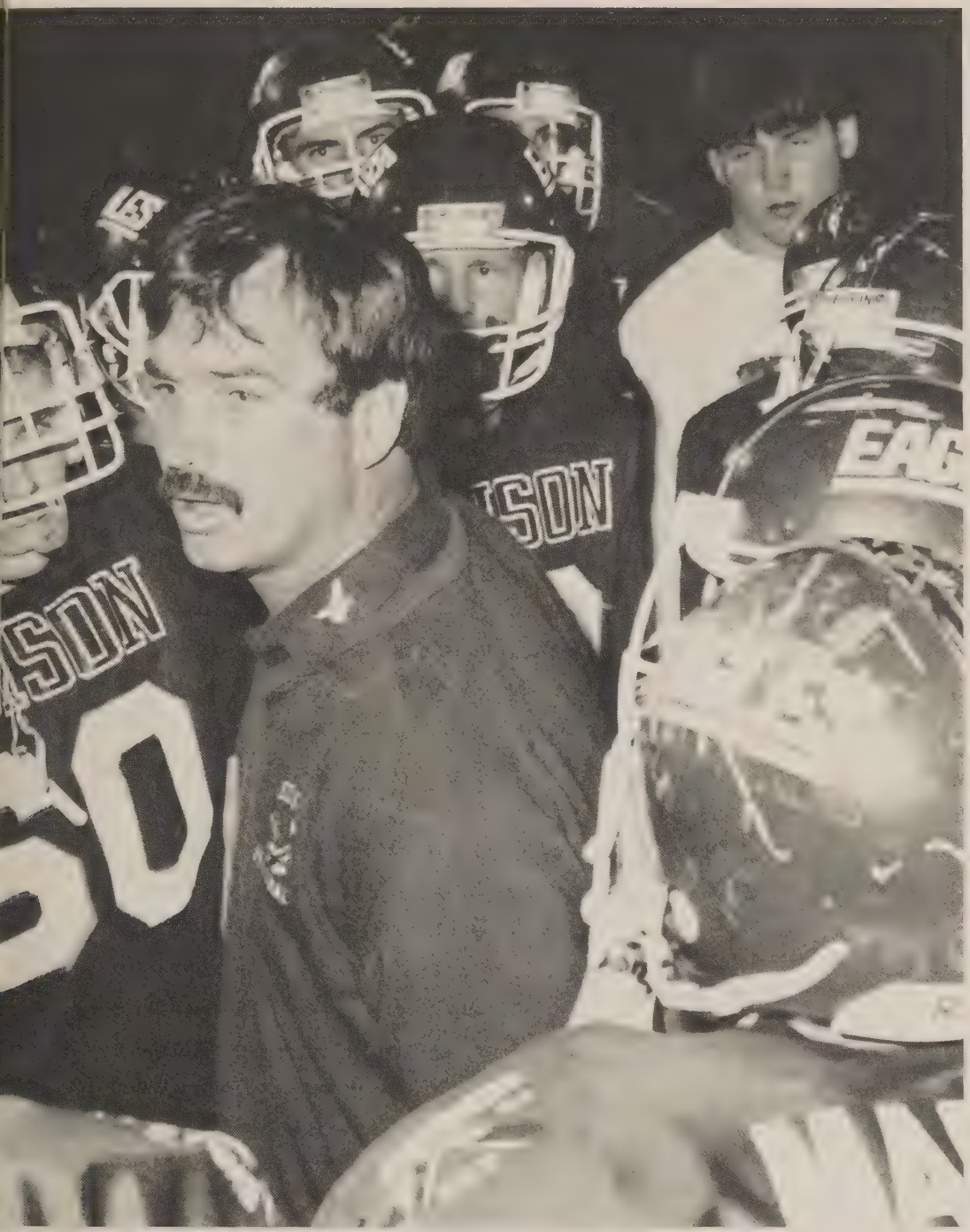
A True Player in Every Way McQueen shows that he can not only run the ball but is effective as a receiver to help put the Eagles in a crucial scoring position. McQueen made Second Team All-District running back and Second Team All-District free safety.



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Pre-Game Talk Before kickoff, Coach Dennis Randolph gathers the team to give them words of encouragement. Although the Wolverines were ranked #7 in the Northern Region, Edison held its own and was leading at halftime.

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A Mighty Triumverate Prior to the game, tri-captains Zeldon McQueen, Johnny Barerra, and John Newman are introduced to the officials. Edison elected to kick off and the battle began minutes later.

Segall Majestic

5-foot-4-inches, 142 pounds might not seem to be the ideal measurements of a high school varsity quarterback. But regardless of his size and weight, sophomore quarterback Darion Jones really makes things happen for his team. Against rival opponent Robert E. Lee, Jones completed 7 of 12 passes for 116 yards, including a touchdown.

The season highlight for Jones was a school record-breaking 95-yard kick-off return for a touchdown. "I saw one West Potomac player, and knew that if I could get by him that I could go all the way," stated Jones.

After the return, and his success at quarterback, Darion Jones was recognized in the Gunston District, and earned a spot on the Second Team.

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Homecoming 1991 was a unique experience for senior Tomi Jami. Escorted to the dance by seven attractive senior girls, Tomi explained, "It was interesting, to say the least." Tomi continued, "Dinner was the best part of the evening — not necessarily the food, but the laughs we shared. We had a great time."

And how did this all happen? Tomi and his date decided that they wanted to go to the dance with their best friends. . .so. . .Angie Lewis, Missy Mereness, Hwa Kim, Jerri Ross, Helen Guest, Sandy Girard and Carrie King all joined Tomi for the evening.

Going stag to dances may become a trend — a way to avoid large expenses or a disappointing evening. Tomi certainly agrees.

The Train Rosalind Choates, Desaree Riley, Jamie Walker and Krista Estes wind their way through the cafeteria as part of a long train. Students had a good time dancing with their friends as well as their dates.

The Finishing Touch Making the last adjustments before entering the dance, Paul Simpson and his date straighten his tie. Students were given red keychains as mementos of the evening.

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"Once Upon A Magic Night"
Modern Cinderellas

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"Once Upon a Magic Night," the 19th of October, was the romantic theme of our homecoming dance. The formal event topped off a week full of events that were all based on fairytales, making modern-day Cinderellas and Prince Charmings come alive. "The dance was more like a wedding reception than a high school dance," commmented junior David Walker, who was ready to dance to more contemporary tunes than those played by Will Rathhacker, the disc jockey.

The decorations included blue and white balloons and streamers which hung from the ceiling, while strings of stars lined the walls of the cafeteria. "Last year's decorations were much better," complained junior Sandy Shipman. "These looked recycled." Despite a few disappointments, the dance proved to be a success. "I liked just being with my friends," exclaimed sophomore Kate Paone. "I also enjoyed seeing everyone look so nice!"

For some, dinner was the best part of the evening. "Dinner at Geranio's in Olde Towne was the highlight," said Pejman Rashidi. "However, the walls of the restaurant were decorated with portraits of nude females. For the rest of the evening Carrie Keener was worried that her dress was going to fall down!"

The court members were formally presented at 11:00 p.m. The crowd came to a hush as SGA President Henry Mlodozeniec announced the names of the "princesses" and "princes" from each class, followed by the introduction of King Casimir Yasutis and Queen Sherri White. When the applause quieted, couples danced the last slow dance of the evening before leaving the "Magic Kingdom."

-Missy Mereness

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A Moment Alone Juniors Kaci Spriggs and Tsegya Persons enjoy this slow dance, taking the opportunity to dance together. Students liked the slower numbers more than the country sounds.

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A Rollicking Good Time Swing your partner! Jim Ernst and Jordan Condo enjoy the country sounds provided by the disc jockey. While some students complained about the music, others kicked up their heels and had a good time.

County Enforces Parking Fee

Paying the Price

At the beginning of each school year, students are usually concerned with new classes, sports, activities, and social events. This September, however, the major

concern centered around the new $100 parking fee, a large increase from the $4 charged the previous year.

When the Fairfax County School Board passed the proposal last spring, it knew the decision would be unpopular among teenage drivers. The proposal to increase the parking fee had been made because of necessary budget cuts facing the county schools. The parking charge was weighed against cuts in the instructional programs and determined to be a good way to collect the revenue that the county needed.

Students enrolled at different high schools throughout the county united to take a stand against this trememdous increase. They reacted with protests and editorials, but nothing changed the Board's decision. Even some school administrators disagreed with the fee. Mr. Michael Ayala, administrator in charge of security and parking, said, "I do not necessarily agree with the fee, but I understand that the county is trying to generate revenue and it is my job to enforce the new rule." He added, "The students really weren't told ahead of time; they should have been told sooner."

Senior Hwa Kim felt the fee was totally unfair. "The Board wasn't fair to charge us for a problem they created themselves." Sophomores Allison Morton and Jim Ernst agreed that $100 was too much for a teenager to pay to park. Jim suggested that students be allowed to pay the fee in monthly installments.

Edison administrators attempted to ease the parking pain by establishing a payment plan. Although they couldn't change the ruling, they appreciated the students' feelings and Principal Robert Clark met with students to share his concerns.

Although it was not an easy lesson in economics, students faced the fact that the parking fee had to be paid in order to park in the school lot. Most also admitted that the fee was probably here to stay.

-Kate Paone

Crystal Ellerman

Somebody's Got To Do It Enforcing the new parking policy, Fairfax County police officers wait for protesters who choose to park on Edison Drive rather than pay the $100 fee.

Niki Rhoads

Words of Wisdom As students protest the increased parking fee, Dr. Robert Clark, principal, explains the reasons for the newly-established regulation. By November 18, 155 students had purchased the parking stickers.

Amy Dievendorf

Student Walkout As students protest the $100 parking fee, Dr. Clark explains the reasons for this newly-instated fine. Administrators Mr. Michael Ayala and Mrs. Carol Marshall helped supervise the crowd.

Amy Dievendorf

Obeying the Law On her way into school, senior Crystal Ellerman quickly remembers to hang her newly-acquired parking pass. At $100 apiece, these passes caused quite a controversy.

Jasmine Tyler

At the beginning of his junior year, Mike Ryan, thought everything was going his way. He had bought a 1976 Celica from an Edison graduate for only $150. One morning during the second week of school, Mike's car began leaking oil; by second period everyone was saying that a car was on fire. Sure enough, it was Mike's car. The carburator had shorted, causing the fire. His car started to move, stopping 10 feet before hitting another car. Mike commented, "My friends told me my car was on fire. When I went to the parking lot, my car wasn't where I had left it." One fire engine came to put the fire out and the car was towed off the premises. Mike couldn't believe it. The car he had gotten for a great price was gone, and he had put up with the hassle of paying the newly instated $100 parking fee. Soon after, Mike's money was refunded and he explained, "It was a tragedy — "Pepe" will always be missed."

Nurse King Writes a Prescription for a

"Hoppy" Halloween

"Who was that man?" pondered sophomore Kelly Perkins as Mr. Mike Bullock passed her in the hallway. The students were not the only ones who were possessed with the

Halloween spirit. Some other teachers who joined in and came to school dressed in creative costumes were Mrs. Sue Fenn, Mrs. Simms, Ms. Becky Peck, and Ms. Janice Creneti.

Halloween was a day when everyone could let his eccentric behavior run wild, constructing imaginative, and in some cases, rather frightening costumes. Both students and teachers took advantage of this opportunity to be crazy. "I have not seen this much school participation in all the years I've been here," commented senior Paul Clements.

All of the costumes, both scary and humorous, were very entertaining. "I liked to walk down the halls and see all of the different costumes. There was such a variety," explained junior Stacee Cress.

Many costumes were created from scratch by students themselves. Although this was a time-consuming activity for some, it was quite simple for others. "I knew what I was going to be for months," said Amalie Hofbauer. "My mom and I picked out the pattern and then she went to work on the sewing machine. It was easy for me because my mom was nice enough to make it for me!"

The Haunted House, presented by the drama club, was an exciting alternative for those who have outgrown the age-old tradition of "trick-or-treating." Nevertheless, the streets were full of students in disguise who feel that you're never too old to act like a lad again.

Halloween was a day which brought the school together to celebrate the time-honored tradition of ghosts, goblins, and witches.

-Maggie Morton

What's Up, Doc? Amy Hofbauer nervously nibbles at an apple while watching her nurse, Carrie King, fill out her hopping health report. Both seniors decided to dress up for their last Halloween in high school.

Just Clowning Around Always smiling, Maggie Eldak celebrates the spirit of Halloween during lunch. Her Gatorade gave her energy to bounce through the day.

Maggie Morton

Reza Marvashti

Monstrous Math Teacher Mr. Mike Bullock shows that you're never too old to participate in the Halloween tradition as he sneaks up on student Stacey Davis.

EEK! A Mouse! Walt Disney characters are always favorites at Halloween time. Sophomores Lana Pham and Cindy Marasigan chose to pair up to portray the characters Minnie and Mickey Mouse.

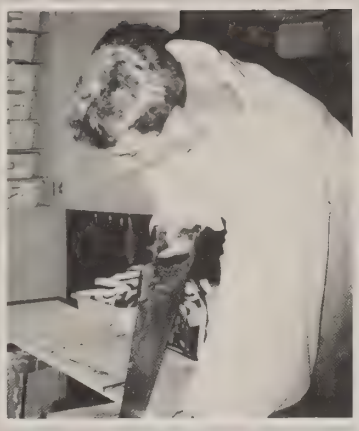
Maggie Morton

Maggie Morton

Elaine Fiencke

Guts flying from one end of the room to the other, statues coming alive, biology teachers going mad, and screams filling the brisk, ghostly night air. These were the sights and sounds coming from the auditorium on October 30th and 31st. The theatre department's Haunted House was a pumpkin-smashing success, raising about one thousand dollars.

"Kelley Caspar got a little carried away — she clocked me in the head with a dead chicken!" exclaimed junior David Curtis. David's "farm from hell" room had a grotesque display of meat chunks nailed to a wall. Other rooms full of raw chicken livers, mangled bodies hanging out of wrecked cars, and ankle-grabbing creatures all added to the excitement of the night.



Stephanie Leedom

Senior Jason Lloyd has been with the theatre department for four years and has been essential to nearly all of the drama productions. His talents range from set designing and building to light setting and small acting roles. "I spend as much time working on the sets and lights as the lead roles spend on rehearsing their scenes, if not more. I feel my knowledge of the technical side of theatre keeps the rest of the student technical crew on top of what has to be done. I direct the group and keep them headed in the right direction," commented Jason. For Romeo and Juliet, Jason designed the fountain that could be transformed into Juliet's bed and Friar Lawrence's cell. He also did the set changes in between the scenes.

Amanda McDougall

Two Starcrossed Lovers. . .

Romeo and Juliet

Auditions for the fall production began at the end of August and ran until the first week of school. After three weeks of trying to decide which play director

Rusty Clauss and the auditioners wanted to do, rehearsals began for Romeo and Juliet. "I think I made the decision to do Romeo and Juliet a long time ago and was waiting for the maximum number of a ton of factors to fall into place." stated Clauss.

Rehearsals ran in shifts from three o'clock to five thirty, starting again after a dinner break at six o'clock to nine. The cast members busied themselves with homework or reading through scenes with fellow actors while they were not needed on stage. The rule of backstage silence, and especially getting homework assignments finished, was enforced by the more experienced actors. With a large cast it was difficult to keep everything under control and the most challenging task proved to be bringing the whole cast to one rehearsal. "The lack of cast members showing up made it tough on everyone to go through a scene. That was one of the main problems that caused the postponement of the play," explained freshman Katie Becker. The performing nights were originally scheduled for the end of October.

Previews for Romeo and Juliet were held a week before the opening night in an assembly for the school. A few scenes were chosen from the play that would appeal to the audience. The previews proved to be a great help to the advertisement of the play. The second and third night performances each attracted nearly a full house. "I think that the number of people that attended the play really energized the entire cast. Everyone did a super job!" commented junior Elyas Khawarzad, who portrayed Friar Lawrence.

-Amanda McDougall

My Aching Bones Juliet coaxes the nurse for more information on her new love Romeo. All the while, the nurse complains about what a "jaunt" she has had getting the messages from Romeo.

En Guard! Romeo, preparing to die beside his Juliet, is challenged by Juliet's arranged fiance Paris. The duel ends with a fatal stab to Paris.

Stephanie Leedom

Reza Marvashti

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Pucker up, Tybalt! In the midst of a comical sword fight between Mercutio and Tybalt, Mercutio gives Tybalt a surprise smack on the lips. This scene drew loud laughter from the audience.

A Prenuptial Chat Lord and Lady Capulet chat with Paris about the upcoming marriage between Paris and their daughter, Juliet. Little did they know she had already married Romeo.

If the Shoe Fits, Wear It

Step Into Style

For students, fashion is a way of self-expression, and shoes certainly fit into the fashion scene. Over the years styles have ranged from black and white oxfords and penny-loafers to a wide variety of athletic shoes or formal footwear.

Nike and Reebok remained the favorite athletic shoes for several reasons. Promotions by such big names as Andre Agassi and Paula Abdul lead teenagers to believe that purchasing expensive sneakers will make them fit and famous. Endorsements by superstars like Michael Jordan encourage teenage consumers to spend big bucks on name brands.

Students have noticed a revival of shoes from their childhood. Beloved "chucks", a style of shoe by Converse, have returned to the shoescene and are popular once again. "I remember my red high-top converses that I wore in seventh grade," said junior Ann Herring. Nikki Rhoads a member of the class of 1992, remembered her turquoise and yellow chucks, too. Both of the girls remember trading their Converse Chucks with friends in order to have two different-colored shoes on.

One of the best bargains in shoes are probably "Chinese" shoes. The very inexpensive cotton shoes are favorites of many of the girls. A much more costly brand of shoes and boots are Doctor Martens, more often referred to as "Docs". " Doc Martens originated as theraputic shoes, but then famous celebrities like Sting and Phil Collins turned them into more of a style shoe. "The boots I own are popular, with a certain crowd that is," stated junior Desaree Riley as she pointed out her bright blue 10-hole Doc Martens.

-Missy Mereness

In Style With Suede Anna Maria Morales sports her black suede boots while chatting with her lunch pals. Suede shoes, jackets, even entire outfits of suede tend to be popular and expensive.

Tie 'em Up! Thac Tran takes out a minute of his time to tie his bootlace on the way to lunch. It seems more and more people are spotted wearing combat boots.

Amanda McDougall

Corn Reidy

Staircase of Shoe Style Junior Steve Connaughton chats with senior Missy Mereness, junior Jessica Aguilar, and junior Jasmine Tyler. Chosing your own specific style of shoe is one way of expressing yourself.

Reza Marvashti

Let's hear it for Chuck Taylor! A throng of juniors display their colorful assortment of Chucks. These sneakers have stepped in and out of style more times than any other shoe style.

Amanda McDougall

Maggie Morton

During the summer, Nordstrom's held its annual "Brass Plum" contest, accepting applications from rising seniors to serve on the 1991-92 Fashion Board. Hundreds of applicants from Fairfax County high schools and the greater metro area competed for positions. In September, Carrie King was delighted to learn that she had been chosen for the Board. Throughout the year, Carrie advised company buyers on the latest fashions, accessories, and make-up and had an opportunity to model in fashion shows.

"There are two girls chosen from each area high school for the Nordstrom's Board," explained Carrie. "It's definitely worth applying for." Carrie was voted "Best Dressed" by members of her class.

Amanda McDougall

Three years ago at a summer enrichment program for the arts held at the University of Virginia, junior David Agranov was introduced to sculpting and has now made a pasttime of the art."I work mostly with plaster bandage and other types of plaster, but I also dabble in clay," he explained. David has plans to start working with wood, but for now he intends to stick with plaster. David begins by making molds with bandage of parts of the body. "I do all my work on the human body or covering a human body, male or female," he added. Sculpting gives David an artistic outlet and provides him with a medium for expression. "Plus," he concluded, "I get to work with my hands which is always fun."

Mari Torres

Rare Forms of Expression

Unusual Hobbies

Freakish Good Luck Charms Senior Charles Algire carries his collection of wisdom teeth to school as "good luck charms" when taking difficult tests. Charles began this strange hobby after he had his own wisdom teeth extracted.

A Sweet and Clean Hobby Amused by her unusual hobby, Nicole Misantone tries to fill up a jar with a variety of soap while wondering what her new creation will look like.

Mari Torres

As we grow up, we develop a sense of individuality in our likes and dislikes. This is often reflected in our choice of hobbies or interests. Some of us collect stamps, tapes, or seashells.

Others have pasttimes like horseback riding, talking on the phone, or model building. But others among us have unique — even strange — hobbies.

"To start off, it wasn't my intention to begin a collection of hairspray cans, but now I think it's neat that I began my collection," said sophomore Vera Somchamnavong. Those who know Vera can understand why she chose to begin such an unusual hobby: she is always worried about looking meticulous and having every hair in place.

Freshman Nicole Misantone was sitting at home, absorbed in her thoughts, when she started shaving different kinds of soap and putting the shavings into a jar. She claims, "It entertains me. It's weird, I know, but I'm easily amused." Nicole just recently began her sweet-smelling hobby and doesn't know how long she'll keep it up.

When she is not juggling her heavy academic load and her extracurricular activities, senior Michelle Roche juggles up to four balls at at time — just for relaxation.

And here's a hobby that will leave you with your mouth open. Senior Charles Algire has probably the strangest collection — wisdom teeth. "They give me a lot of good luck," he laughed. Charles began to collect teeth when he had some of his own pulled out. Then his mother made a contribution to his collection and finally some of his friends even gave him their teeth. Charles takes great pride in his unusual collection and brought his teeth to school on days when he had major tests. He claimed that they brought him good fortune.

-Mari Torres

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Keeping Up Looks Making sure that not even one piece of hair is out of place, Vera Somchamnavong comes to school prepared in case of any emergencies and weather changes. Collecting hair spray cans comes in handy because you can always help a friend.

A Dedicated Fan Collecting baseball cards is an extremely popular hobby, but for Bill Shephard it's more than just a casual pasttime. Organizing his 1,483 cards in alphabetical order takes a great deal of time.

Watch the Eagle Spirit

Come Alive

"Let's go, Eagles, let's go!"
Let's go, Eagles, let's go!"
This was one of the most popular chants shouted at our pep rallies. Residents of Rose Hill could probably hear us as we yelled, and

screamed, showing support for our school and our respective classes.

After we all graduate, we will certainly remember at least one special activity from high school. Some may remember a special homecoming or prom, but most will recall the pep rallies in the football stadium or the gym where we shouted at the top of our lungs. Several of our pep rallies took place indoors in the gym during inclement weather or during the winter months, but most others were held outdoors in the football stadium. Students seemed to enjoy the outdoor rallies better. Lisa Angelini commented, "Outdoor pep rallies are much better because it's not as hot and you don't have to worry about being too close to someone and screaming in his ears."

Pep rallies inspired school spirit and gave students an opportunity to get toether for one period to cheer for the outstanding athletes and to wish them a successful season.

"Pep rallies make students think more about school," commented April Burton. Vera Somchanmovong agreed, "I love having a break from class especially seeing students show their school spirit."

Pep rallies also gave students a chance to be creative — this year's seniors arrived at the first pep rally dressed in togas as they yelled, "Sink the Spartans." Others rang bells, banged on pots and pans, and waved homemade banners and signs.

Demonstrating pride in individual classes was another facet of competitive pep rallies. So whether you are yelling for the class of '92 or the class of '95, just remember to scream it loud and clear because:

"E-D-I-S-O-N-E-A-G-L-E-S, OH, YES, CAUSE WE'RE THE BEST!!"

-Erin Conway and Lana Pham

Lana Pham

Junior Pride Members of the class of '93 demonstrate their class pride during the first pep rally of the season. The exceptionally warm fall weather made an outdoor pep rally fun.

Cindy Marasigan

We're #1! Mike Barnes demonstrates class spirit with the help of Phantom Prompol and Stergios Zissios as they show pride for their sophomore class.

Tommi Jami

"The Class Of 94' Rocks More!" Noisemakers add spirit and excitement to the sophomores' loud chants as the class of '94 shows its enthusiasm at the first pep rally of the year.

Tommi Jami

Togas Take the Track Showing their belief that '92 rules, Missy Mereness, Amy King, and their compatriots exit the pep rally in their toga attire.

Erin Conway

If there were ever an award for the loudest, most energetic, and most school-spirited student, many would vote for Michelle Roberts. The sophomore admitted, "I like being school-spirited because if you're enthusiastic, others around you will follow and be spirited, too. This helps make our school a better one to attend."

Michelle made a large contribution to the spirit of her class by making banners and passing out noisemakers and hats to her classmates. She danced, yelled, laughed, and screamed her way through pep rallies and ordered her friends to yell, too.

So, if you ever hear someone screaming for the class of '94, watch out, it could be Michelle!

The Trials and Triumphs of...

Coming to America

Many Americans take for granted those freedoms guaranteed under our Constitution. Newcomers to America, however, have not all had the luxury of such

freedoms.Their stories are tales of personal sacrifice and sometimes tragic events. A large number of students from foreign lands have enrolled at Edison and are quickly learning the ways of their new home.

Freshman Chien Hoang came from Vietnam a short time ago, leaving his family behind. After a month-long voyage to Hong Kong, Chien settled in a refugee camp where he remained for the next three years. "I learned a little bit of English in the camp, but it wasn't much." He now resides with foster parents and hopes to get a job to earn enough money to bring the rest of his family to America.

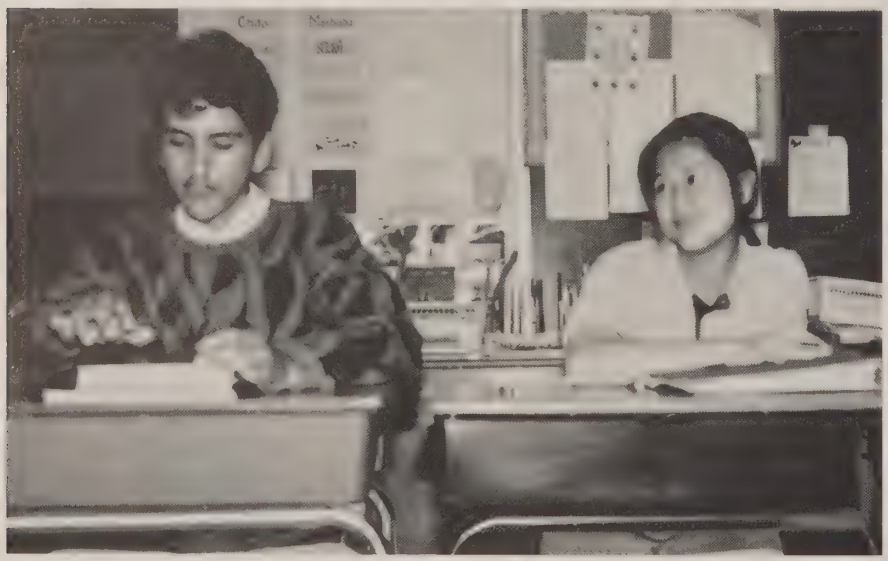
Qadir Ahadi, a sophomore from Kobul, Afghanistan remembers rockets exploding as he left his home. When he was twelve, Qadir was ordered by his father to leave Kobul with his 16-year old brother. They walked for five days to Pakistan. After two years of living alone with his brother in Pakistan he came to the United States.

-Amanda McDougall

Georgi Tomisato

Where In The World? In a geography class, sophomore Alia Jaghoori studies the maps of Europe.

Cultural Cupcakes Sophomore Jose Gonzales, junior Elias Joyas, junior Jose Penaloza, and sophomore Walter Rivas prepare cupcakes for the ESL students' Thanksgiving dinner. Learning about American cooking is just as important as learning about American culture.



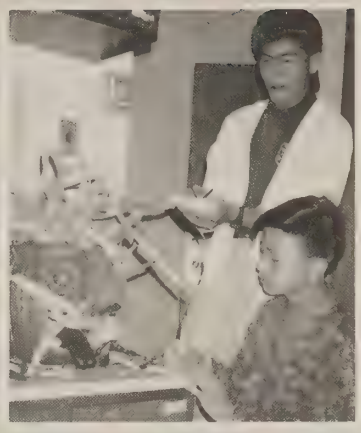
Melissa Lawrence

Take Out Your Books Seniors Jose Morales and Siriluck Rungrujiphaisal take out the supplies that are needed for their English class.

Georgi Tomisato

Blending In Sophomore Walter Montiel, put in charge of the dessert topping, whips up some icing to place on top of the delicious cupcakes.

Melissa Lawrence



Georgi Tomisato

Adjusting to a new culture has been difficult for many ESL students, but having peers who have endured the same hardships made the adjustments a bit easier. Classes were often livened up with fun and exciting cultural events.

The annual pumpkin carving contest has been one of the favorite introductions to American celebrations. The ESL students all agreed that it was a great way to express the artistic side of themselves.

Another yearly event that the students enjoyed was the Thanksgiving dinner. All the dishes were prepared by the students themselves in the school kitchens. This gave many of the students a chance to learn American cooking.

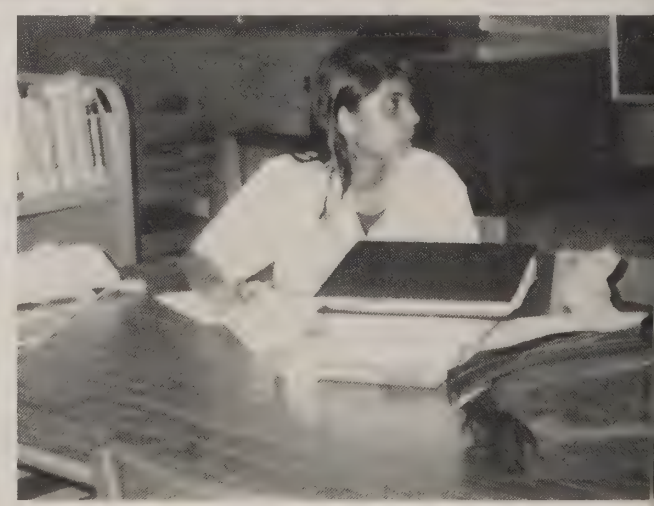
Crystal Henry

Peer tutoring was a valuable program which linked students who were having difficulty in a subject with those students who excelled in the same area. The tutors devoted after-school hours to assist those who needed their help. Kenna Mills explained why she decided to become a tutor: "I feel that tutoring is beneficial both to me and to the person receiving my help. Explaining something to someone else insures my own knowledge of the subject."

Most tutors were members of an honor society but that wasn't necessarily a qualification. What was required was a keen interest in the subject, the willingness to give some of your time and energy, and the desire to help someone else learn.

Down To Earth Science Teachers take time to help their students catch up on assignments or provide additional instruction. Mrs. Lillian Gray, earth science teacher, assisted freshman Ferozan Hashimi with some science homework.

Check Out The Library Freshman Nepa Patel takes time out of her mathematics studies to take in the library scene. A haven of solitude, the library was the setting for after-school research and study.



Amanda McDougall

Working Overtime

"Are you staying after today?"

"Yeah, I have to make up an English quiz."

"I have to stay after for basketball practice."

"I'm going to a French club meeting."

If any of these after-school activities sound familiar to you, then you are probably one of the many students who have stayed after school for one reason or another. "Even if it meant putting in extra hours at school, most students really didn't mind staying after, " said Lana Pham. "I enjoyed staying for club meetings so that I knew what was going on," she added. Extracurricular activities accounted for the highest percentage of reasons why students remained at school after 2:20 p.m.

Two of the most popular after-school spots were the gym and the weight room. Pick-up games of basketball helped to relieve stress and provided a physical outlet after a day of sitting at a desk. The weight training room was usually filled with athletes who were conditioning themselves for sports. Depending on the season, you could find people in the wrestling room, the small gym, and out on the fields and track as well. You didn't have to belong to a team to be involved in physical fitness.

The large number of students who stayed after school increased the use of the late bus. Late bus passes were issued by teachers or coaches, a new policy this year. Shannon Underwood advocated riding the Fairfax Connector: "Students could easily ride the Connector if they wanted to stay after school to hang out with their buddies.: Others, like Nina Hastings, preferred to ride the school buses, except when they were noisy or crowded.

-Cindy Marasigan

Amanda McDougall

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Staying After Pays Off After long practices and weeks of preparation, junior Katie Wilks and sophomore James Bruce show off their musical talent in the fall pep rally. Belonging to the marching band involved not only musical talent, but recognition that many hours had to be spent after school for marching practice.

Working Late "I knew I had to stay after in order to complete my project on the computer," said junior John Kolb. The IBM computer lab usually had several students working after school on a variety of assignments and the English Apple lab was always filled with students.

Midday Munchies Ease Hunger

Sneaking Snacks

Ripping! Tearing! Crackling! Chomping! Voracious students failed to keep the sounds of their snacking hidden from the finely-tuned ears of their teachers.

A variety of noises were heard as students attempted to furtively open up a package of Reese's Peanut Butter Cups or sneak some M&M's right under their teacher's nose. The length of time between breakfast and lunch was too long for some students and snacking in class became a daily habit that was difficult to break.

With the temptation from fundraisers selling everything from candy and doughnuts to pizza and cheesecake, students had a large selection from which to choose. While these fundraisers gave students the chance to support their clubs and silent the growls in their tummies, teachers did not always appreciate the snacking during classes. On the other hand, some understood the financial need behind the sales and supported the edible fundraisers.

Vending machines and soda machines also added to the relief of hunger pangs. In fact, on many occasions students found the machines empty — not unusual, considering how many students used them daily to supply breakfast or lunch. Although lunch was, for many, the favorite part of the day, some chose to socialize rather than eat and left their munching for other times in the day. This proved that no matter how busy a student was, he could always find time to fit in a snack or two.

After school the concession stand became a place to load up before joining club or sports activities. The stand was a meeting place for those individuals who needed a little snack to keep them on track. Others chose to head to McDonald's and get a more nutritious meal.

-Crystal Henry

Crystal Henry

A Thirst-Quencher Melissa Fissell keeps her drink nearby while she works in art class. Carrying a refreshing drink became natural to many students and saved trips to the water fountain.

Crystal Henry

Chocolate Fever Reaching into her bag of candy, Christine Prevensilk pulls out some M&M's for a last-minute sale before class. Fundraisers provided important income to clubs and eased students' hunger pangs.

Crystal Henry

Lunch Daydreamer Sophomore Amy Algire sips her soda while sophomore Heather Lee is caught in a daze thinking about her long-awaited meal. Many students held out on the munching during class to get the full effect of their lunch.

Crystal Henry

Vending Machines *Amy Hulbert awaits her turn at the soda machine while Tracey Edwards tries to decide what drink she will fill her cup of ice with. Juices became a popular alternative to soft drinks as students became more health conscious.*

Crystal Henry

Wrestler Ryan McGuine has the responsibility of making sure that he eats the right number of calories each day. Ryan, a wrestler since his freshman year, is no stranger to calorie-counting. He knows that there are nine calories in a gram of fat, four in a gram of carbohydrate — he tries to stay away from those fat-filled fries. In fact, Ryan is not tempted by all the snacking at school, especially when he has to lose weight.

On the weekends, Ryan takes a break from his calorie-counting, going out to eat pizza like most teenagers. During the rest of the week, however, Ryan counts his calories carefully and remains faithful to his diet so that when weigh-in time arrives he will qualify for his match.

Billie Jean Crowder

It's been a long time since Judy Dalie and Jasmine Tyler posed for this picture at Judy's first communion. Jasmine and Judy have been friends for fifteen years. When they were asked what was the most embarrassing moment they've spent together, they were quick to answer. Jasmine said, "Probably when I caught my hair on fire last year during our Girl Scout camping trip." Judy disagreed, "It must have been when Jasmine wore her reindeer antlers from Santa Claus all through Springfield Mall. I was so embarrassed."

Whatever the situation these two encounter, Jasmine and Judy both agree that they're happy to spend it with each other.

Someone to Talk To Shawnickle Timmons, Joy Wright, Jenny Amaya, and Carnetta Williams make plans for the weekend ahead. These four tried to socialize as much as possible during lunchtime.

Girl Talk As Erin Conway, Lana Pham, Cindy Marasigan, and Crystal Henry sit on the staircase, they reminisce about their past. Erin and Crystal attended elementary school together.

Shannon Anderson

Crystal Henry

That's What Friends Are For

Count On Me

Who do you talk to when you have a problem? In a year of good times and bad, successes and failures, what really made the difference was having someone constantly reassuring you that he or she will always be by your side, no matter what.

A best friend is much more than just a friend. A best friend is someone you look up to, have fun with, and share feelings and secrets with. Aspen Lagman commented, "My best friend and I share secrets. We gossip about everything, from guys to school." April Stasilus agreed, "A best friend is someone you can trust and have fun with." This everlasting friendship can give you a feeling of security and will always be treasured throughout life.

Is having a best friend always fun and games? "Not always," explained Melissa Roche. "My best friend and I sometimes fight over insignificant things because we are around each other too much. But in the end, the advantage of having a best friend outweighs any problems that might have happened, and you realize what is really important." In other words, the good times are the moments you two share together, and the bad times are the arguments that occasionally occur. Most best friends agreed that there is always going to be some sort of fighting and the arguments are usually blown out of proportion. While some fights may jeopardize the friendship, others can bring the two of you closer together. So when the going gets tough, the tough finds a "BEST FRIEND."

-Lana Pham

Shannon Anderson

Lending An Ear Heather Lynch knows that she can always talk to her best friend, Adam Rice, when she needs to discuss a problem or share a funny story.

My Buddy Jason Sharples and Oreuch Lagman say, "The best thing about having a buddy is that you have someone with whom you are always comfortable. You can goof around and be yourself."

Joy Wright

In a survey students were asked if the people that they associated with during school were the same people that they hung out with on the weekends. One group of friends, composed of seven seniors, three juniors, and two sophomores, said that they were together both in school and out of school. Carnetta Williams, Shawnickle Timmons, Carol Goode, James Stewart, Cory Williams, Andrew Butts, Danny McCutchen, Joy Wright, Kaci Spriggs, Mike Bekele, Thomas Scott, and John Stewart went just about everywhere together on the weekends whether it was to a game, or a party, or roller skating. "When one of us was away we called to check and see what's up and when they can hang with the posse again," said Thomas Scott.

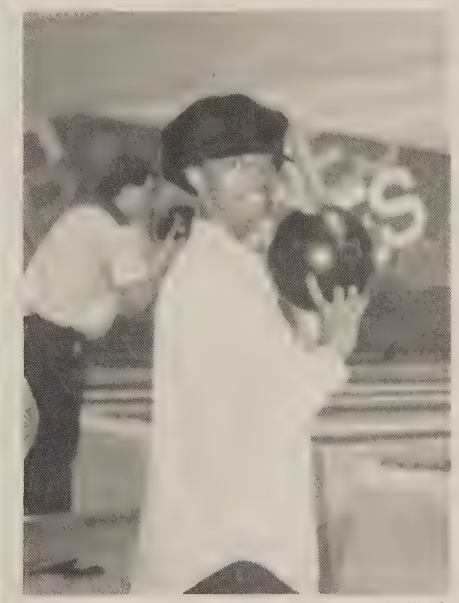
Carnetta Williams

2:21, The Weekend's Begun

It's Time To Have Fun!

A Twenty-Second Workout While waiting for their friends to arrive, Shawnickle Timmons, Joy Wright, and James Stewart clown around at James' house. James was attempting to do push-ups, but it was too difficult with Joy perched on his back.

Wish Me Luck, Guys! Senior Shawnickle Timmons looks to her friends for good luck before she attempts to bowl another strike. Bowling was a popular activity for Saturday nights.



Joy Wright

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It was Friday morning and school hadn't even begun, but the plans for the evening's agenda were already in full swing. When students were asked what they liked best about the weekend, getting paid, partying, and just hanging out with friends were at the top of the list. "I like to go to games with my friends, then go out afterwards" said freshman Ebony Fiemster.

When students were asked if going to a basketball or football game helped kick off the weekend, sophomore Monica Jones responded, "Going to a game wasn't just for fun, it was a chance to get everyone together and allowed them to make further plans for the night." Sophomore Shatori Mann added, "It also gave you a little more energy, y'know, I mean it kinda excited you and once the game was over you didn't want to go home."

And where did students go? Junior Adriane Miles replied that she preferred to go to a party and have fun with old friends. "I liked to go wherever and do whatever is possible, going to the movies, parties, or just being around some friends acting stupid," exclaimed junior LaWanda Hopkins.

And finally, when did the weekend end? Senior Danny McMutchen said that his weekends were over when his mother gave him a list of chores to do before the night was through. "I knew when I woke up at three in the afternoon with a throbbing headache from lack of sleep, thinking it was morning and I still had a ton of homework left," said senior Carnetta Williams.

The weekends were undeniably the best part of the week. They became a time when you could do whatever made you happy and thoughts of school were a mile away. Even though the time was short the memories would last forever.....or at least until the next weekend rolled around.

-Joy Wright

Joy Wright

Under the Golden Arches "A few fries and a burger help give me extra energy to bowl my best," says senior Vivian Carter as she and Roxanne Maddox share a brief snack. The Franconia Road McDonald's was a popular hangout for Edison crowds.

A Thirst-Quenching Break Roxanne Maddox, Vivian Carter, Kaci Spriggs, Carnetta Willians, Shawnickle Timmons, and Monte Sanchez relax at Cory Williams' house after a night of competitive bowling. After strenuous activities like bowling, most students were ready for some serious food.

Later . . .

"I'll Do it Tomorrow"

You've probably found yourself saying this more than once: "I'll finish it tomorrow." You tell yourself this and end up finishing an assignment a minute before it's due.

Procrastination was destined to plague most of us sometime, but for others it became a constant routine, a continuous bad habit. You found yourself saying those famous "put off till later" lines like "I'll do it tonight" or "I'll do it this weekend."

Some students got better grades when they procrastinated while others found their grades in trouble. Morris Graham said, "I usually got C's when I waited to finish my work." April Stasulis added, "I usually received A's when I procrastinated." Students sometimes didn't even get their homework finished and used time in other classes to complete assignments, studying from papers tucked underneath the books for that period.

What were students doing when they should have been completing their work? They were out at parties, watching T.V., or talking on the telephone, which almost everyone confessed held them back from finishing their assignments. Some admitted to being just plain lazy and others came home to sleep after school. Being busy with jobs, after school activities, or other responsibilities left some students little time to keep up. Heather Lee said," I can't do without watching *Oprah* and *General Hospital*."

How close will some dare to hold off completing their work? Victoria Nyguen admitted, "I sometimes don't start on my work until a week after it's due or at the end of the quarter." Most started on their assignments the night before the assignments were due and some even gave up precious lunch time to prepare for class at the last minute. Students could be found at lunch stuffing food in their faces while trying to memorize for their tests after lunch.

-Crystal Henry

Crystal Henry

Tough Timing Sophomore Tim Campbell quickly finishes his assignment minutes before the bell rings. Tim admitted to rarely finishing his work ahead of time, a problem shared by other students.

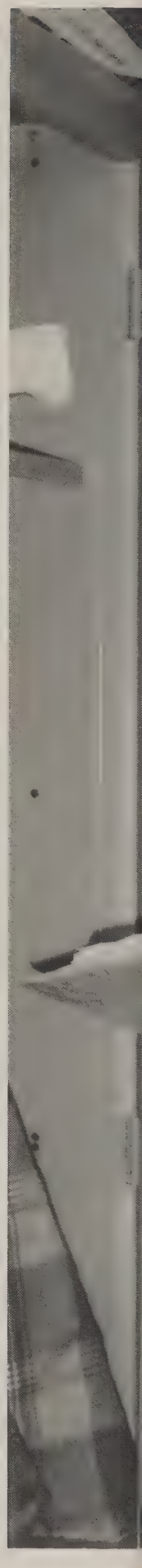
Two Procrastinaters Sophomores David Friedlander and Michelle Roberts take advantage of free time in science to help each other with geometry.

Crystal Henry

Sneaking Assignments Senior Jerry Brumbaugh is caught working on his assignment due the next period while he should be doing his student assistant work.

Crystal Henry

Ruthless Work Dedicated sophomore Ruth Ann Moy does her assignments in the hall instead of eating her lunch. Although she decided to eat her lunch. Ruth felt her work was more important to her than her lunch.



Crystal Henry

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Seniors Charles Greene and Jerri Ross dubbed themselves "the king and queen of procrastination." Both were reminded constantly not to wait until the last minute to complete assignments. However, no matter how many times they were reminded to get to work, they still seemed to find an excuse to put it off "just a little bit longer." They admitted that they far preferred to come home after school and watch MTV or take a nap, rather than start on their homework. Jerri commented, "Procrastination is something you get addicted to." The two seniors claimed they did better work under pressure, and enjoyed having long-term assignments rather than assignments that were due the next day.

Vocational Clubs Make an Impact

Giving a Hand

"Giving just a hand, but getting a lot more back in return." The DECA club organized a small party at Leewood nursing home on December 17. Club members served refreshments and Santa Claus was on hand to pass out Christmas cards.

The small party was a great success that put a smile on every single elderly person's face and tears in the club members' eyes. This experience was wonderful and at the same time difficult to explain. When the members returned to school, they discussed their feelings. "I saw a lot of sadness and depression which made me unhappy, but at the same time, I was glad to meet these people and brighten their day," explained Cindy Marasigan. "It was quite an experience. I couldn't help myself from crying," added Keatta Taylor.

Not only did DECA members become actively involved in community work, but they also sponsored a large number of school-based events, one of which was the "famous" DECA luncheon. The DECA officers treated the other club members to a mountain of spaghetti and meatballs, accompanied by tossed salad. Funds for club activities were raised by selling Otis Spunkmeyer chocolate chip cookies — a real success!

VICA, the Vocational/Industrial Clubs of America, helped students develop leadership and communication skills. The club provided socializing skills that students will need in any career. VICA also helped with additional aspects of career planning as well as learning the basics of a job. In November the organization held a canned food drive and distributed the food to area families. The club, however, was busy all year long. On February 29, District V Skill Olympics were held and on May 15 the State Skill Olympics took place. Students who did well in these competitions had the opportunity to win scholarships and potential job offers.

-Mari Torres and Erin Conway

Carrie Marshall

VICA Officers **Front row:** Jenny Amaya, treasurer; Shane Mills, parliamentarian; Robert Stringham, state VICA president; Erin Fenstomacher, president; Gretchen Gist, vice-president; **Back row:** Crystal Henry, Sharon Klinkert, Erin Conway, Chris Johnson, Joe Wink, Mr. Bob Watkins, sponsor, Erick Figuero, Jane Hamilton.

Putting It All Together Sophomore Chris Johnson, out in the open and under the hood of his project, concentrates on getting every nut and bolt back into place. Getting to work outdoors was a good break from the all too often stuffy classrooms.

Mari Torres

Painting Perfection Juniors Nora Cerna-Funes and Maria Salamanco practice their new manicure techniques. Neat and polished nails were a must for many students.

Cheryl Kayholm

DECA Leaders Take Charge Crystal Smith, treasurer; Quen Lee, class vice-president; Mari Torres, class vice-president, and Cari King, secretary, organized many of the activities for the DECA chapter. A trip to Leewood Nursing Home, a spaghetti luncheon, and two fashion shows were the highlights of the year.

Shirley Crabtree

"Before I joined VICA, I was shy and would never get up in front of an audience," explained senior Kim Todd. "With a little push from Mrs. Shirley Crabtree, my cosmetology teacher, I got involved." Kim, now more comfortable with speaking in front of a group, made a presentation at the Richmond Fair Grounds for the state cosmetology contest. She won a gorgeous first-place trophy for her speaking, plus the confidence that she could handle the experience of public speaking in the future. VICA and DECA provided students like Kim with many opportunities to grow both professionally and personally and to gain invaluable experience which they could use in their chosen careers.

However Kim's successes didn't stop her. Last year she made it to states after winning first place in Districts. "My goal for this year was to make it to states again," concluded Kim.

Jasmine Tyler

Being VICA state president definitely had its advantages. Meeting Miss America and Governor Wilder of Virginia were two of the highlights Rob Stringham experienced during his tenure.

Considered a "problem child" in the eighth grade, Robbie was expected to drop out when he reached high school. He enrolled in a vocational class to determine what he might want to do with himself and surprisingly began to like school. "With the help of Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Crabtree I began to set goals for myself," he commented.

It took Robbie three years to reach his goal. He not only represented VICA on the state level but on the national level, too, attending conferences and addressing up to 50,000 people. His term lasted until May 17, 1992, but he will continue travelling with the organization for one full year as "immediate past state president". Afterwards Rob intends to go to college, pursuing his interests in political science with hopes of becoming a congressman.

Kristen Leedom

Vocational Courses Attract Students County Wide

Old Hobbies Open New Doors

Spreading Goop Sam Short works on the rear quarter panel of Ralph Aucella's long-lost Nissan Sentra. Sam has taken auto body for four years which helped him secure a job at "Wagon Wheels Inc.", an auto body shop where he has worked for almost three years.

Spreading More Goop Applying just the right amount of chemicals, Erin Fenstomocher practices on a mannikin before her actual client arrives. Erin was president of VICA.

Crystal Henry

Heather Martin

Although some may find it hard to believe, many people actually didn't know much about the vocational curriculum. Ranging from technical drawing to cosmetology, vocational courses attracted approximately 410 students each year.

Every class in the vocational wing offered something that was incomparable to any other class taught at Edison. Some of these classes helped students find good jobs or maybe even guaranteed a job following graduation.

The courses served each student's particular interest. Senior Shane Mills explained, "I took electronics because I was curious about the field and how it could be useful in my everyday life." Shane's interest was primarily in radio broadcasting.

Some of the most exciting new additions took place in the electronics classroom. "We received a lot of new equipment," explained Bob Maffett, electronics instructor. "The Digiac 3000 electronic training system from LJ Technical Systems in England taught our students both theory and practical hands-on applications." In addition, the electronics department received an oscilloscope and a robotics trainer from Rhino Robotics. It also gained analogue and digital multimeters which measure current resistance and voltage. This test equipment was a valuable boost to the electronics classroom.

Junior Suo Kim took basic technical drawing as a sophomore and decided to take a more advanced drafting course this year. "I decided to take architectural drawing because I wanted to see if I enjoyed the field." Suo considered a career in interior design and hoped that architectural drawing would enhance her educational background in that area.

-Kim Wilson

Erin Conway

An Eye for Detail Checking for flaws, Jay Downs inspects his negative with a "loop" before printing the brochure he has been trying to complete for class credit.

TSA Officers Take Charge Alex Jones, Kirk Little, Phantomith Prompol, Jeff Cheng, and Dan Whigham gather for an officers' meeting of the Technical Students Association. The group disbanded after several months but hoped to get this vocational club active again soon.

Here's the "Hole" Idea

Ear Necessities

Although clothes and shoes played a major role in our appearance, jewelry, especially earrings, could dramatically change our image.

It's been quite common for some time to see girls wearing a wide variety of shapes, sizes, and styles of earrings as they attempted to coordinate their jewelry with their outfits. Now, however, one pair of earrings isn't enough for some. Girls are having a row of holes pierced along the edges of their ears. Sophomore April Statulis felt, "It's a statement of youth, growth, freedom and fashion."

Senior Dan Lloyd found girls who wear a lot of earrings attractive. Heather Smith, a senior who wears four earrings in each ear, commented, "It's addictive. Once I had two sets of holes, I couldn't stop." On the other hand, sophomore Vicky Nguyen, who once wore earrings but no longer does, found it "a nuisance and a waste of money."

While it was more common to see girls wearing earrings, the guys began to steal the scene. More males were wearing earrings, whether to make a fashion statement or to succumb to peer pressure. Junior Orench Lagman, who agreed that earrings were a new thing for guys, commented, "They bring out the beauty in me." Junior Jason Sharpes added, "I do it because everyone else does." "If I didn't have mine done, I think it would look sick seeing guys wearing earrings. But hey, this is fashion," commented senior Dan Lloyd. "The majority of girls in the school have earrings, so why can't the guys?" he added. Junior Steve McCarthy explained that he wore an earring "to look different" and junior Dave Beatty said his earring "lets me know which one is my left."

-Cindy Marasigan

Cindy Marasigan

Double Trouble With two holes in each ear, sophomore Monica Jones prefers to wear one hoop earring with a modified hoop earring. It was increasingly popular to wear several pairs of earrings at one time; some students wore as many as four or five earrings per ear.

Excess Earrings Sin-d Squire prefers to accessorize her jewelry with a nose earring along with two other pairs of earrings. Many of Sin-d's friends were curious about her decision to pierce her nose and wondered how it felt.

Cindy Marasigan

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It's a New Thing Freshman Brian James is one of the many males who can be seen around school wearing the ever-fasionable hoop earring for guys. More boys than ever chose to wear earrings.

Exotic Colors Shiny gems on earrings are one of Cathy Newman's favorite pieces of jewelry. Cathy liked her earrings big and bold.

Cindy Marasigan

Have you ever wondered how students with their noses pierced blew their nose? Or how they made the hole? Or why they had their noses pierced in the first place?! Surely everyone has! Junior Sin-d Squire explained why she had her nose pierced: "I liked the way it looked on one of my friends; she encouraged me and I did." Senior Keatta Taylor said, "I just found it cute."

"It hurt so much at first when they were breaking through the skin with the needle, layer by layer and ripping the earring through, that I just kept on laughing," said Sin-d.

And how does she blow her nose? Sin-d explained, "I blow my nose like a regular person, but I don't put pressure on the nostril with the earring."

O.P.P. — Other People's Pastimes

The Competitive Edge

While many students chose to play interscholastic sports, others chose to compete in sports that did not represent their high school. The following students participated in interesting sports and competitive activities outside of school.

Soccer's always been a part of junior Jeff Fisher's life. He has played indoor soccer for six seasons and loves it because, "It's fun, high scoring, and fast-paced." He has played every position except goal-keeper, practicing about two or three times a week which he said,"has made me a better player and kept me in shape for outdoor soccer."

Pitcher, short-stop, and clean-up batter, Pat Rowe has played baseball for six years. He has also played football and basketball. This devoted freshman only left himself one day a week without practice, repeatedly earning the MVP award and a batting average of .717. One of his greatest accomplishments was pitching a no-hitter this year in his team's championship victory.

Katy Cilinski, a junior, said, "When I was really little I rode my aunt's horse once and then went on pony rides at my dad's company picnics. I started taking lessons when I was in sixth grade." She has ridden for five and a half years and spent at least four days a week at Woodlawn Stables. "I really like training young inexperienced horses and then taking them to events when they are good enough, as a reward," she said. Her greatest accomplishment was winning the division championship on a pony she had trained, a pony which no one thought would be any good.

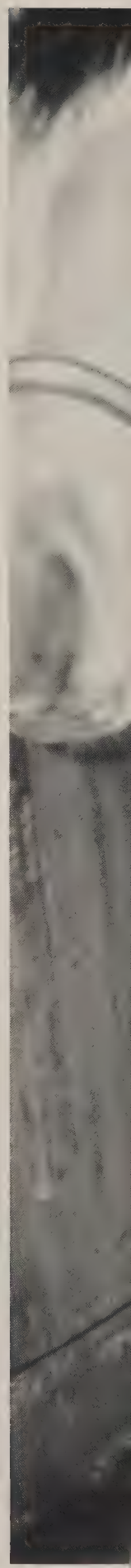
Senior Shawn Smith has played hockey for the Northern Virginia Hockey Club for the past four years. He said he became interested "when I was little, after watching a hockey fight tape." He played defense and right wing, spending six to ten hours a week practicing or playing games. In the tenth grade, Shawn skated at the Capitol Centre because he was the fastest skater out of 100 kids in a Coca-Cola Classic Competition.

Freshman Shannon DeLelle said her hobby is competing in dance. She has been dancing for five years and has been actively involved in a performing troupe at Chris Collins Dance Studio. Shannon practiced two days a week for about three hours. "Dancing is not a wimpy sport; it uses a ton of energy, strength and patience. It is difficult for me to keep up with my school work a lot of the time, especially when I was on the school gymnastics team," commented Shannon.

Over the summer a handful of sophomores swam on the Highland Park swim team. Kate Paone, Shannon Anderson, Brian Gainer, Kelley Caspar, and Ami Algire all swam together on the swim and dive team. "The swim team during the summer is great. It's nice to actually have something to keep you busy and physically fit," explained Brian. At the division finals everyone finished well in the freestyle, breast stroke, and butterfly.

Most of us knew the superstars of the school teams, but we often overlooked the fact that many high school athletes were unknown to us because they played with youth club teams.

-Jasmine Tyler



Here Comes The Groom Grooming is an essential part of a horse's preparation for competition. Katy Cilinski grooms Rose and many other horses who are boarded at the barn.

Erica Haubert

Mom Makes Everything Better Senior Shawn Smith is consoled by his mother in the hospital after a hockey injury. Smith split his chin open after a hard body check in front of the opponent's net.

Melissa Thompson

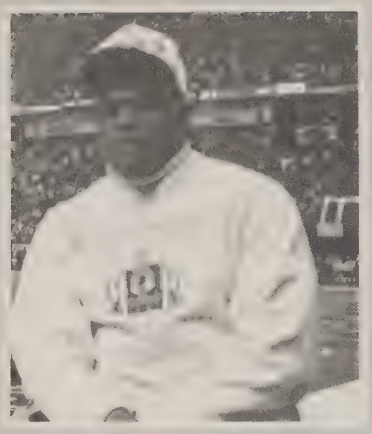
On Her Toes Warming up for her ballet competition, Shannon DeLelle poses for a quick picture. Although she sometimes found it difficult to balance her school work and the demands of her dance schedule, Shannon decided the competition of dance was rewarding.

Jasmine Tyler

Peyman Rashidi

Chafic Asmar first learned to ski at the age of two in the French and Lebanese Alps. As soon as he picked up a pair of skis he knew that he was in love with the sport. At age four, he competed in "Super G" and slalom events, showing a great deal of promise. Shortly thereafter, he was spotted by a French ski trainer who quickly recognized Chafic's talent.

In 1988, a new style of skiing called "monoski" emerged in Europe. Monoskiing, a combination of snowboarding and parallel skiing, requires not only a profound knowledge of parallel skiing but great endurance and strength as well. After he moved to the United States and skiied his first season on American snow, Chafic decided to make the transition to monoskiing and has been monoskiing ever since.



Cindy Sweeney

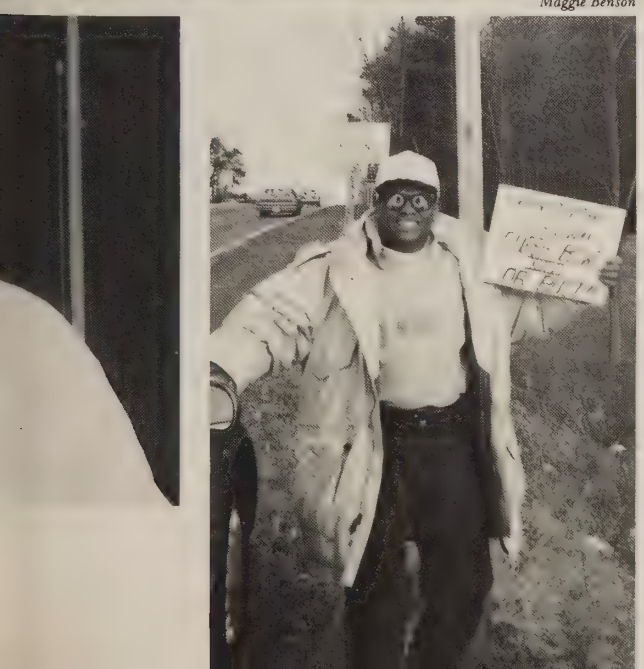
Mr.Wayne Wilson, art teacher and season ticket-holder to the Washington Redskins' football games, was one of the lucky Redskins fans who was able to win his Super Bowl XXVI tickets through the lottery held at Redskin Park. Wilson drove approximately twenty-seven hours through seven states and covered l,025 miles to reach Minneapolis to watch the Washington Redskins play the Buffalo Bills in Super Bowl XXVI. "After traveling over one thousand miles to see a football game, I was naturally worried about the outcome. However, to watch my team destroy the Bills in a world championship game was a great thrill," exclaimed Mr. Wilson. The long drive to see the "big game" proved to be worthwhile.

In Hog Heaven Karen Duncan, flanked on either side by the "Hogettes," waves to her daughter Kelly back home in Virginia. Although junior Kelly Duncan was able to go, she said, "Since I'd already been to a Super Bowl before, I decided to give my tickets to close friends of the family and to party hard with my friends at home."

A True Fan Senior Ted Hall meets Pro-Bowl quarterback Mark Rypien at Redskins Park before Rypien leaves for Super Bowl XXVI. Ted is a die-hard Redskins fan and wouldn't have missed this opportunity to meet the talented quarterback.

Brian Kauffman

Maggie Benson



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Hail to the Redskins

Off to the Show!

The Washington Redskins had a great start and went all the way to the show! At the beginning of the season, coaches were not sure how well Mark Rypien would do.

Mark changed their minds after winning the first couple of games. Many fans at school cheered on the Redskins for the rest of the season, hoping the team would go to the Super Bowl. Junior Lori Carroll said, "I never missed a Redskins' game and I was always psyched for Sunday football when the Redskins beat another team once again." Art teacher Mr. Wilson said, "I wanted to see the Redskins hold the Bills by the nose and kick them in the butt for 60 minutes."

The Redskins proved their superiority over the Buffalo Bills at Super Bowl XXVI in Minnesota at the Minneapolis Metrodome on January 26, 1992 by scoring four touchdowns, making the final score 37 to 24. This Super Bowl win sent eight Redskins to the Pro Bowl. Each member of the winning team received $36,000 and each member of the losing team received $18,000 — at total of more than $2.6 million dollars.

Redskins fever began to peak as the game day grew closer. Students appeared dressed in their "Skins" sweatshirts and hats and a few wagers were placed on the game. Buffalo Bills fans grew incensed at the mention of "buffalo wings" for dinner and vowed that they would prevail at the end. But that was not to be, and Bills' fans were left out in the cold.

The day after the game was a "Teacher Workday" so students were able to sleep in. The teachers, however, were treated to breakfast by the National Honor Society and arrived at school dressed in some crazy outfits. The Math department sponsored a "Redskins Dress-Up Contest" and awarded first place to Earl Peitz, custodian, who sported a beautiful feathered hat and Redskins jersey number 84. Mrs. Stuart Dopp won second place for her lovely maroon and gold tights and Redskins shirt, and other teachers wore Redskins earrings. Mrs. Marsha Blessing even braved the insults of fellow teachers to wear her hog nose to school.

-Kelly Duncan

Kelly Duncan

Going to the Show Mr. Wayne Wilson shows his enthusiasm for the Redskins to everyone passing him on the side of I-395. Mr. Wilson decided to drive to the game and it was "Super Bowl XXVI or Bust"!

An Array of Redskins Souvenirs Super Bowl hats, sun visors, pom-poms, t-shirts, official programs, megaphones, and footballs are among the wide array of memorabilia that one could purchase to remember the day in history. A small fortune could be spent on Super Bowl paraphenalia — to say nothing of tickets or airfare!

In Your School

A sixty-second sprint! For the many students who chose to park their cars in the nearby neighborhoods to avoid the new parking fee it was get up and go.

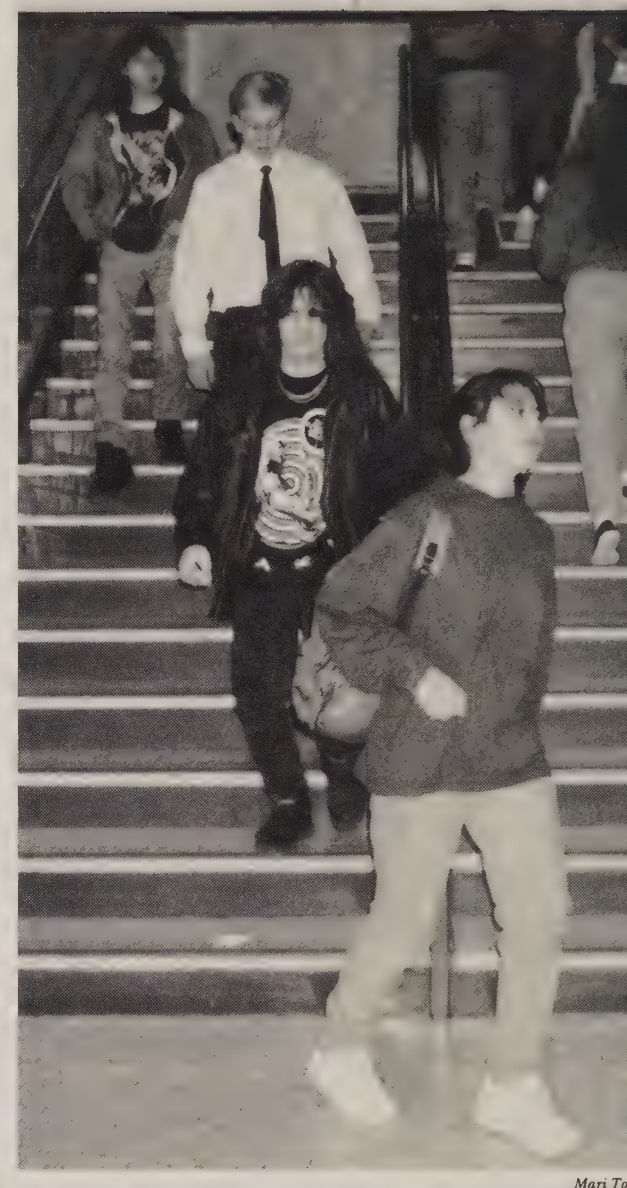
"I have to leave my house ten minutes earlier because I have to park across the street," confessed senior Katie Bergo. It was quite a challenge for students to run from where they parked to their classes so early in the morning, but it was sure a warm up for the day. With the two year old attendance policy, being on time to class was a must. Another obstacle in the way of getting to class on time was the "chit-chat" that would immediately begin when you hit the halls. "It is very hard to get to class on time because there's always a lot of excitement in the halls," added senior Christina Turpin.

Quick five-minute breaks were never enough time to catch up with your friends. Senior Hope Moran couldn't wait for her lunch break. "I always looked forward to lunch, because it was the time to find out what had happened during the day." It seemed a lot of talking and munching could go on in thirty minutes.

Junior Benton Chrea was more specific about his day: "I liked about midday because my classes had a more relaxed atmosphere, and the people were nicer. But then I went to fifth period pre-Calculus and things tensed up again. Then I went to chemistry and the atmosphere was comfortable again.

But not everyone's day always went well. Sometimes the work load, what happened during the weekend, or what you heard someone say about you could make or break your day. "It's hard for me to concentrate on school work, when I have other things in my mind, specially personal problems," concluded senior Jennifer Anawalt.

— *Mari Torres*

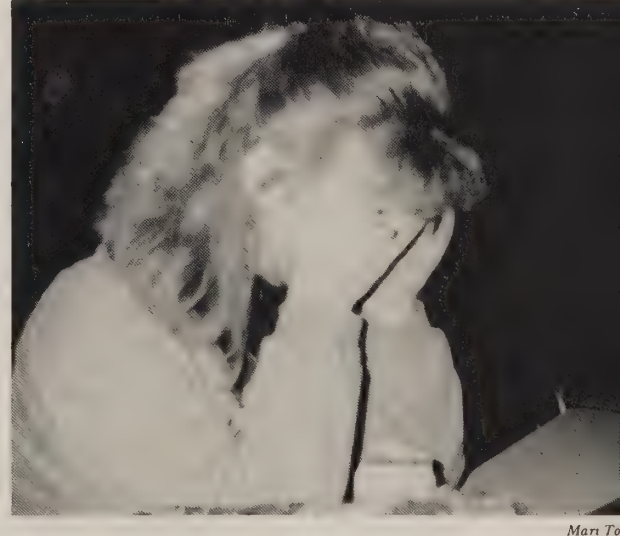


Mari To

A Short Five Minutes A line of students rushes down the steps to get to their lockers and classrooms before the bell rings. Trying to go to your locker between every class was a real task for most students.

Melissa Lawrence

Chatting In Class Seniors Mari Torres, Christina Turpin, and Brit Basham tried to sneak in a conversation, but were interrupted by their teacher. Trying to squeeze in conversations between lessons is not always effective.



Mari To

Dealing With Stress After a load of tests and quizzes, senior Phaedra Patton tries to relieve her aches and pains during her lunch break. At times the workload could make the day seem long.

Courtesy of Talon Staffs

A Serene Setting *Traditionally a place reserved for seniors, the quiet of "Senior Court" remains a haven from the hectic life most upperclassmen experience. Many students have happy memories of lunchtime antics in the courtyard.*

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Times To Remember

From Past to Present . . . Inevitable Change

Change is an integral part of our lives. From the time we are born to the time we die, we learn to accept the inevitability that things will not always stay the same.

It is often startling to look back over the years and observe the changes that have taken place in the world, in our community, and in our own lives. Since the doors of Edison opened in 1962, students have experienced dramatic upheaval in world, U.S., and community events. We are witness to history in the making, although we are often unaware of the long-range effects of these changes on our lives.

While students in the late 1960's and early '70's faced the reality of the Vietnam War in Southeast Asia, students in the '90's confronted similar issues as war swept through the Persian Gulf. The face of world politics was transformed irrevocably with the fall of the Berlin Wall and the demise of the Soviet Union. Junior Becky Devers said, "The changes that have taken place in the past few years alone have been monumental. They will affect our lives for years to come."

> "If we had to...think about the about the time in our lives when we changed the most, high school was it."

Closer to home, transition has taken place in the everything from roads and highways to shopping malls and housing developments. An area that was once considered rural, the Franconia community has grown to become one of the most heavily-populated areas of Fairfax County. Today, students find it hard to imagine a world without the mall, Blockbuster Video, and Domino's Pizza.

Students' lifestyles have undergone a virtual metamorphosis as well. Most high schoolers would rather die than be caught wearing bell-bottoms, although, surprisingly, many styles from the '60's and '70's have become popular again. Junior Stacee Cress summed it up by saying, "If we had to sit down and think about the time in our lives when we changed the most, high school is it."

Looking at the changes that have occurred in our lives, it is hard to imagine anyone disagreeing with Stacee's statement. Senior Chris Dunn felt that physical changes were the greatest among boys. "You should see my ninth grade i.d. card," Chris said with a smile. "I moved to Florida for my sophomore year, and when I returned, most people didn't even recognize me." Most boys grew a tremendous amount between their freshman and senior years, finally catching up with the girls who had their growth spurts earlier.

No matter what facet of our high school lives we look at, we all must reflect upon the changes that have occurred in the past, how they affect the present, and the difference they can make in the future.

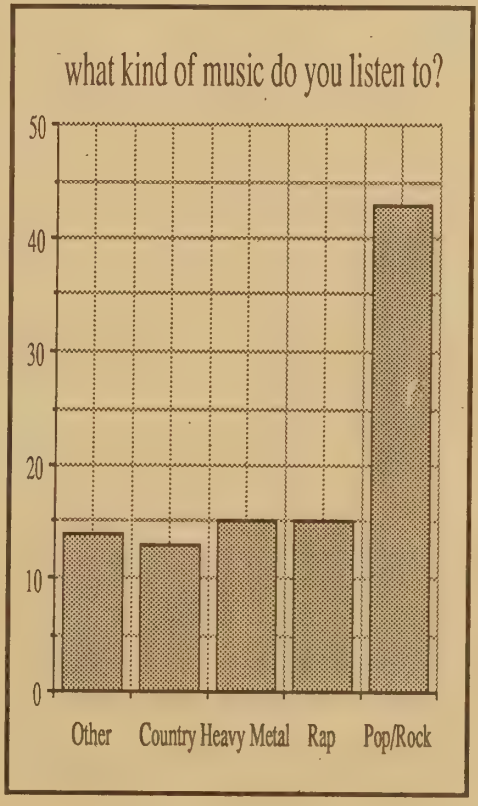
— Amalie Hofbauer

Daniel Reed

Courtesy of the 1968 yearbook

Heavy Metal *In September of 1991 construction began on a new county maintenance facility located in the area directly behind the gym. Bulldozers, arriving early each morning, provided entertainment to students who were easily distracted from their classes located in the back of the building. Since the school opened in 1962, the building has had a major renovation, including air conditioning of the auditorium, and several smaller additions, including this newest facility.*

A Stubborn Competitor *One of the most popular student activities during the 60's was "Donkeyball," a hilarious version of basketball which included riding donkeys back and forth on the gym floor — or in this case, pulling your donkey along when he wouldn't cooperate. For this particular match, the Keyettes had challenged the "Varsity Club" and the majorettes to raise money for the PTA. Junior Melissa Lawrence said, "Donkeyball sounds like it would be fun, but I'm sure the coaches today wouldn't want donkey-droppings all over the gym floor!"*



"It was pretty bad. I was visiting in Egypt when Kuwait was invaded and after that we had no reason to go back."

—senior Maggie Eldack commenting on the war in Kuwait

A World in Turmoil

Students Witness Unrest in World Events

Change occurs worldwide. The changes now taking place will forever affect everyone in the future. Most students are aware of the tremendous changes taking place across Europe and the rest of the world. Sophomore Russell Edwards said, "Of the facts I know, we are definitely headed toward difficult times."

During the war in Iraq, the forces of Saddam Hussein's army ignited many oil fires in Kuwait. Even after months, black smoke continued to pour out of the wells. The smoke swept from Kuwait as far as the Arabian Sea. Now, over a year after the war, Kuwait is still trying to pick up the pieces left by the war. Thousands of Iraqis were killed by the United States and its allies, leaving the country in shambles.

One area of the world which suffered greatly was the new Confederation of Independent States, formerly the Soviet Union. After the week long Soviet coup ended in late August, 1991, a series of changes began that will continue for years to come. One change was the independence of three Baltic states: Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. The Russian government ended price controls on most products, placing Boris Yeltsin's economic reforms in jeopardy. The lines outside food stores in Russia grew longer and people became increasingly frustrated. People in the Confederation of Independent States faced starvation and very tough times.

In Central America, El Salvador ended its war but the Salvadorans realized the toughest time was yet to come as they are faced with another war — one of poverty and hopelessness. The country's leading source of income — aid received by the U.S — has become less and less due to the recession in the United States. As hard as it is to realize, things may be getting worse in postwar than better. "I'm happy that El Salvador is at peace with the guerillas, but I also feel sorry for the refugees who came to this country and began a new life only to be deported," said Sofia Mejia, a student from El Salvador.

Although world events sometimes seemed depressing, we always held on to hopes for a brighter future. Keeping track of changes in the world helped us become better citizens, both of America and of the world.

-Shannon Anderson

A Long Way From Germany *Junior Joline Moorman lived in Germany before moving to Alexandria last summer. She reports, "When I saw the breakdown of the Berlin Wall on television, I felt so much happiness and joy that tears came to my eyes."*

A Soviet Coup *The coup in the Soviet Union began on August 19, 1991 when an eight-man committee took power from President Mikhail Gorbachev. Four days later, Gorbachev returned to Moscow and resumed temporary power before Yeltsin became the new Soviet leader.*

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Environmental Hazard

During the war in Iraq, Saddam Hussein's forces ignited hundreds of oil wells in Kuwait. Smoke belched from the torched wells for many months afterwards. Meanwhile, the invasion of Iraq caused destruction estimated to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars. Months after the American military forces freed Kuwait City, the effects of war were still evident. "The detrimental impact these fires had on the environment will last much longer than the actual war itself," said Amanda McDougall.

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Communism Crumbles

Civil war broke out in Yugoslavia due to President Tito's death in 1980, the crumbling of Communism's powerful cement throughout Eastern Europe, and the emergence of forces clamoring for democracy and ethnic self-determination. The war unraveled this nation of six divergent republics, two of which — Croatia and Slovenia — declared independence from the federation in June, 1991.

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Smiles of Joy *After being released from nearly seven years in captivity in Lebanon, a jubilant Terry Anderson smiles brightly, as his sister Peggy Say shares his joy. Say worked tirelessly as a spokesperson for the families of American hostages, and was instrumental in obtaining their release. Well-wishers eagerly awaited the return of the longest held American hostage.*

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Confirmation Hearings *Republican Clarence Thomas was nominated to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. Thomas was confirmed by a vote of 52-48 after a tumultuous process in which Professor Anita Hill, a law professor from the University of Oklahoma and former assistant to Thomas at the E.E.O.C., claimed she was a victim of sexual harrassment while the two worked together ten years earlier.*

History in the Making

Change Affects Our Lives in Age of Technology

Nineteen-ninety-one was an unforgettable year, filled with drama and emotion that moved many of us to tears. For some of us the memories are vivid. The age of television, instant replays, and VCR's allowed us not only to view news in the making, but to relive it over and over again, forcing us to deal with our attitudes and emotions in a rapidly changing time.

Many thought that they would never see the day Terry Anderson would be released from captivity. After nearly seven years as a hostage (Anderson spent 2,455 days as a hostage in Lebanon), the longest-held American hostage was freed. Previously-released hostages had claimed that they were treated well as captives; however, after Anderson's release it was revealed that the hostages had endured cruel and unusual punishment at the hands of their captors. Americans were horrified to learn that hostages were frequently chained and denied use of the bathroom. As a nation, we internalized what it must have been like for Anderson to believe that he would never escape alive. Happily, Anderson is now becoming acquainted with the daughter he'd never met.

Regular Supreme Court confirmation proceedings were anything but normal after President Bush nominated Clarence Thomas. Most Americans found themselves glued to their TV sets to watch the dramatic Senate hearings unfold. As Thomas sat before the judiciary committee, he categorically denied the allegations of law professor Anita Hill. Although Thomas was not on trial, we were torn on the issue of who was telling the truth. We searched for the truth but were disappointed when no clear-cut answers were found. Despite questions about Thomas' honor and integrity, he was finally confirmed and sworn-in to sit on the highest court in the land.

Even though there were happy times for most Americans, for others the past year was one filled with setbacks and unmitigating hardships. A great deal of these problems centered around the economy. The economy was the worst it had been in ten years, with few signs of a quick recovery. As a result, tens of millions of Americans lost their jobs, forcing unemployment percentages to skyrocket. These changes were obvious in the spending patterns of Americans; most people had very meager holiday seasons because they knew that with the double dip recession they risked losing their jobs. People who once believed their jobs safe were let go with little or no prior notice. Americans, concerned about the immediate and long-term future, looked to Washington to solve their problems.

While Americans struggled with problems like this, millions were devastated to learn that the basketball superstar Magic Johnson had contracted the HIV virus that could eventually lead to full-blown AIDS. Magic made Americans realize that AIDS is not just a homosexual disease. Because of Magic's leadership abilities, he was able to turn a tragic situation into one from which people could learn. He was admired by friends and fans of all ages for his courage in battling the disease. The most important thing that Magic did was to become a spokesman for the AIDS epidemic.

-Jerri Ross

Elyas Kharrazad

Students March in AIDS Walk-A-Thon *Mary Fondriest volunteers at the registration table during September's fundraiser for AIDS research. Magic Johnson's announcement that he was infected with the HIV virus stunned many students who admire the basketball superstar.*

"Dude, it has been major, brought upon by cable TV."

—Coach Stuart's response when asked how teenagers had changed since the 60's

Flashback to the Past

'60's Fads Revisited

Plaid skirts . . . The Doors . . . '65 Mustangs . . . saddle oxfords . . . The Beatles. Many things have changed since the '60's, but some things have remained the same.

Hairstyles have changed considerably since our parents were high schoolers. Even though the French twist is still popular, the bee-hive is definitely out! The girls of the sixties also wore their hair in flips — teasing the top of their hair and curling the ends upward. Most guys, on the other hand, wore their hair in crew cuts. It was unusual for a boy to have his hair touch the collar of his shirt.

Mrs. Carol A. Curtis, mother of junior David Curtis, graduated with the class of 1966, the first class to graduate having attended all four years at Edison. She remembers wearing "A-line skirts, knee socks and penny loafers. Shirtwaist dresses and blouses with 'peter-pan' collars were also very popular." Her classmate, Kathy Riolo, mother of senior Mike Riolo, also remembers the fashions popular with high school students. "Villager A-line skirts with matching cardigan sweaters were fashionable as were Bass Weejuns, a type of loafer."

Mrs. Dianne (Dillon) Winegar, mother of junior Tammy Winegar, remembers the dress code that was enforced during the sixties. A member of the class of 1969, Mrs. Winegar explained that girls' skirts were required to be a proper length and that guys were to wear pants and shirts. "No holes in t-shirts or ripped jeans would have been allowed," she commented. Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Riolo both recalled that no jeans were worn to school at all.

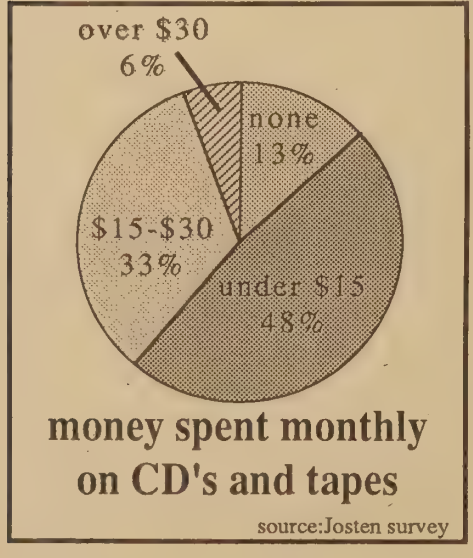
Regardless of all of the changes, one thing remains the same — the need for spending money. In the '60's, if you got $5.00 allowance for the week you could go out to the movies, buy popcorn, candy, and a drink, and still have change. However, in the '90's $5.00 barely pays for the cost of a ticket to a high school football game. These days you spend $50 to $75 for one outfit. Back then you could purchase your whole school wardrobe for that amount. For instance, the price of jeans has skyrocketed. Most students pay between $30 to $40 for a good pair of jeans; in the '60's a pair of jeans cost under $10.00.

> "Regardless of all the changes, one thing remains the same —the need for spending money."

Music has also seen a tremendous change. The '60's ushered in the British rock invasion, including legendary groups such as the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, and The Who. American groups also made their mark in the '60's. Groups like the Beach Boys, the Doors, and Elvis Presley were among the favorites. "Music today is much more controversial and upbeat than 'yesterday's' music," commented sophomore Amy Algire. Today's music takes on issues that are relative to the times, such as sex, drugs, and violence. Back then most of the songs were about new dances, cars, the beach, and love.

All is not lost from the '60's, however, as fads such as pleated plaid skirts, black liquid eyeliner, pink frosted lips and hair up in French twists are making a comeback. Many of the current looks are merely modified revisions of the 1960's.

— Beth Moran



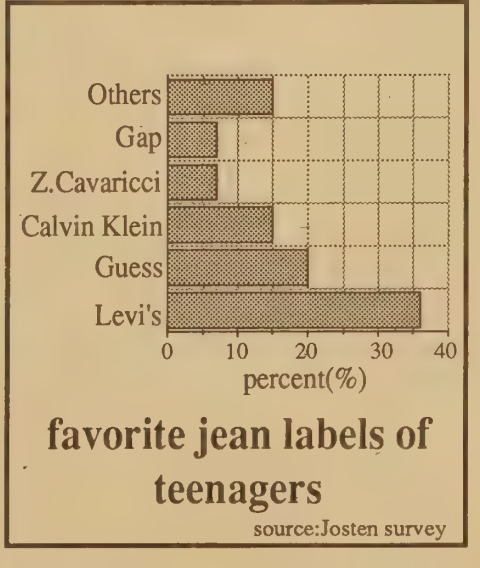
money spent monthly on CD's and tapes

source:Josten survey

Homecoming Court, 1970 Members of the 1970 Court stand poised with their Queen. Styles such as the mini-skirt have become popular again.

All in the Family *"There was a dress code when I attended Edison," explained Mrs. Kathy (Stinson) Riolo, a graduate of the class of 1966. "Skirts and sweaters were popular with the girls and we never wore jeans to school." Her son, senior Mike Riolo, is glad that he can wear more comfortable clothes to school.*

A Hard Act to Follow *Senior Michelle Roche provides entertainment for restless students at a fire drill. Michelle juggled many activities during her four years at Edison including varsity cheerleading and soccer. Michelle plans to attend The College of William and Mary in the fall.*



favorite jean labels of teenagers

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Passing Through Time

A Ride Through Local History

All it takes is a drive down Franconia Road to discover just how much the Edison community has changed since the 1960's.

What was once a two-lane, winding road surrounded by underdeveloped country is now a busy six-lane thoroughfare. What were long-established and familiar stores have now been torn down and replaced by modern shopping centers and upscale establishments. What were peaceful country roads occupied by only small farms were eventually developed into active roadways.

During its earlier years, Franconia Road served as a secondary residential road, unlike Backlick Road, which was regarded as the area's main byway. It has changed twice in its name and appearance. Mrs. Virginia Smith, who has lived in the area for about thirty years, recalls, "Franconia was just a two-lane road. When winter came and the roads were slick, orange cans of sand were placed on the sides for people to use for better traction for their cars." Franconia intersected with other roads like Rose Hill Drive, Beulah Street, South Van Dorn, and Telegraph Road, each having a unique aspect of its own.

The Rose Hill neighborhood started out as a large farm and eventually expanded into a modern rural community. Once a single store in the middle of a field, Rose Hill Shopping Center has flourished into a large commercial site. Community members relied on "the bookmobile" for a variety of books when it passed through town on occasion. This was the beginning of the John Marshall Library which soon became a small branch library in the newly-built shopping center. From that beginning, the library was constructed into a full-size county library in 1975 on Rose Hill Drive.

Like the Rose Hill area, the community around Beulah Street has increased in population. Once open country, this community has changed from a small rural development into an area of townhouses and contemporary new homes. Convenient shopping is found at the Manchester Lakes shopping center and the addition of the new Springfield Bypass has made Springfield Mall easily accessible. Beyond this, Beulah holds the last remaining landmark of Franconia, Olivet Chapel, which is located on the corner of Beulah Road and Franconia Road.

South Van Dorn was also a bending dirt road. It is another area that has changed dramatically in its appearance. What is now called Kingstowne was a captivating woodland, which began diminishing in 1980. Construction workers were hired to cut down trees on the site and to begin building modern homes. This eventually evolved into a new neighborhood. When asked about the dramatic growth of construction in the area, Mr. John D. Taylor replied, "Builders have exploited our county." Many people feel the same way.

All in all, the Edison community has expanded rapidly in both population and size. It seems that everyday there is a new development in the process of being built and the community as some of our parents once knew it has all but disappeared. It's practically inconceivable that almost all of the Franconia area was once a vast, peaceful country.

-Kimberly Wilson

Early Morning Rush Hour *Each day before school, crossing guard Mrs.Murack directs traffic in front of Edison. Traffic, though it was not a problem when the school first opened, is a major gripe of many students in the '90's.*

Amalie Hofbauer

The Way We Were *Junior Tammy Winegar skims the pages of the 1967 Talon with her mother, Mrs. Dianne Winegar, who graduated with the class of 1969.*

How Things Have Changed *This aerial view of the school, taken in 1970, shows a remarkable lack of traffic on Franconia when it was just a two-lane road. Van Dorn can be seen as just a dirt road.*

Amalie Hofbauer

remember the times

	that was 1962	*this is 1992*
3 Bedroom Home	$14,325	$94,300
Average Income	$5,956	$34,213
New Ford	$2,453	$11,835
Gallon of Gas	$0.31	$1.09
Pound of Bread	$0.21	$0.71
Gallon of Milk	$1.04	$2.72
Pound of Bacon	$0.70	$2.09

ABC began *color* broadcasting...*First* sugar-free soft drink, Diet Rite Cola...Cuban Missile Crisis...Wilt Chamberlain scored *100 points* in basketball...Stan Musial breaks Ty Cobb's record with *5,863 career total bases*...*First* Polaroid color film...Thomas Edison HS opened

"You could walk down the middle of Franconia after 7:00pm to Rose Hill without seeing a car."

—Carol Curtis, class of 1966, reflecting on the changes in the Franconia area since the 60's

"Remember When. . ."

Faculty Reminisce about Edison's Early Years

In today's multi-faceted world where the seemingly simple feat of living day-to-day has become a near-Olympic event, it is hard to imagine a time when life at Edison had a slower simpler pace.

For psychology teacher, Gary Embrey, however, it's a bit easier. Embrey graduated from Edison in 1970, eight years after the school first opened. The Edison of the 1960's differed from the Edison that we know today in everything from clothing styles to academics and athletics.

The "collegiate" style of clothing, which we now would call "preppy", was very popular. Students in the sixties shopped for button-down shirts in madras plaids, khaki pants, and deck shoes. And, as Embrey was sure to add, "no bell bottoms!"

The concept of spending money has completely changed. In the nineties, according to senior John Newman, "Most teens expect to spend anywhere from twenty to forty dollars a week on necessities alone." When Embrey was a teen, he received only five dollars a week for allowance. "Kids had simpler needs. We worked only to supplement the family income or to save for college."

Students today can expect to earn an average of five dollars an hour for a part time job, but while Embrey attended Edison, minimum wage was only $1.35. "1.35!," exclaimed senior Sandy Girard. "That wouldn't get me through one day!" But we have to remember that things cost a lot less. For teens today, who often forego trips to the movies due to the high cost, the seventy-five cent cost of movies in the sixties sounds heavenly.

A common complaint today is the lack of school spirit at Edison. Embrey attributes this to "changes in attitudes and values which make it hard to have a unified school spirit." Many students today, when asked about the greatest source of daily stress, will answer that "there are too many things that need to be done." Ironically, once the weekend rolls around, we often find ourselves complaining that "there is never anything to do."

Biology teacher, John Tillery, said that he "would go back to the sixties if I could." As a 1966 graduate, Tillery was a member of the first class to graduate after completing four years at Edison. When he began at Edison, the appearance of the school was radically different. "We played football in the afternoons because there were no lights on the field," remembers Tillery. Besides lights, Edison lacked a gymnasium, a cafeteria, even grass on the front lawn.

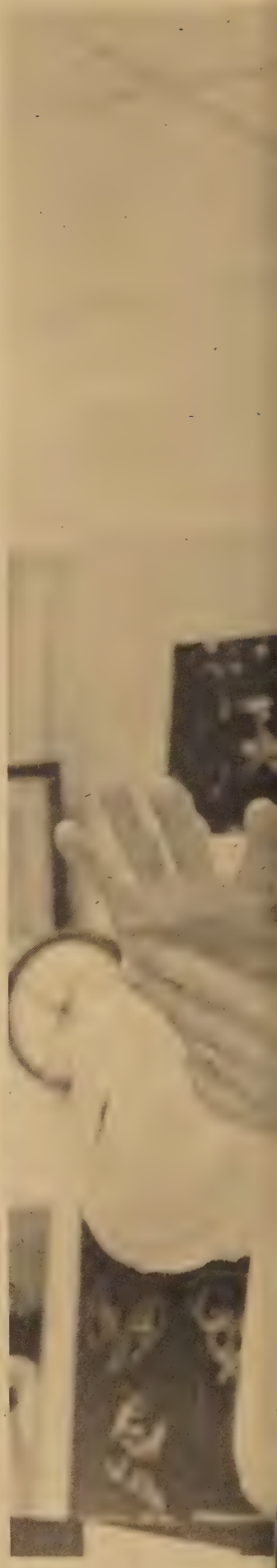
Tillery is surprised at the differences, not only in the actual school building, but also in the teens who attend it. Students in the 60's "had better study habits," said Tillery. "We never talked in class and always took notes. We had a lot more respect for our parents and teachers."

Tillery continued by explaining, "It was really cool to play sports. No one ever did drugs, and if anyone drank at all, it was very hushed. It wasn't something people talked about."

-Amy Hofbauer

Kris Leedom

Sharing History *Mrs. Isabel Bligh, reading teacher, explains the history behind her great-grandmother's pieced quilt to Mrs. Marilyn Lewin who has taught at Edison through many of its changes.*



A Graduate Returns Home *John Tillery, biology teacher, sometimes feels as though he never left Edison. A graduate of the class of 1966, Tillery returned to teach here in 1981.*

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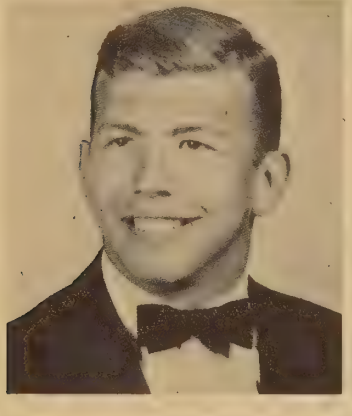

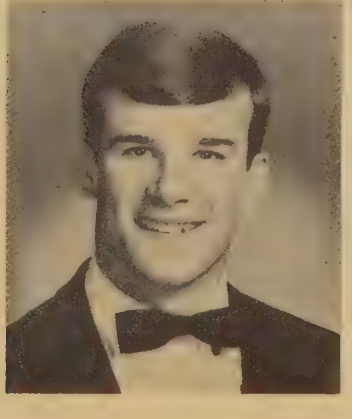

Twenty Years Ago *"Kids had simpler needs," says psychology teacher Gary Embrey, speaking about his high school years. "We worked only to supplement the family income or to save for college." Embrey, voted "Best All-Around" by his classmates, graduated with the class of 1970.*

Yearbook Memories *Gary Embrey and John Tillery appear in formal-wear in their yearbook photos from 1970 and 1966. Both agree that their high school experiences were much different in the sixties than those of teens today. "I would go back to the sixties if I could," reminisced Tillery, now a biology teacher at EHS. "The pace of life was much slower and people didn't have to always rush around."*

The Second Time Around

Recycling Becomes The Trend of the '90's

"Earthday Everyday" became an important and genuine statement for the '90's as Americans became more and more aware of the dangers the country might face in the future, especially the depletion of our natural resources and the elimination of the ozone layer. Recycling became the number one remedy.

Students at Edison, spearheaded by the active ecology club, began a campaign to recycle aluminum cans and paper. The school board also took measures to encourage recycling by placing recycling trash cans or bins in school cafeterias county-wide. These containers facilitated the separation of reusable goods from non-recyclable materials. Senior Shailey Nair commented, "I think having recycling bins in the cafeteria is a good idea because the environment is suffering from our negligence. Even though this is a small step, it's a big idea that will be beneficial in the long run."

> "Although recycling is a current trend, it must continue to be effective."
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> —*senior Erica Ahdoot commenting on recycling*

> **"Recycling is worth a little bit of time just knowing what I am doing is helping out..."**

Products such as styrofoam trays, milk cartons, and juice cans were all separated and sent to be recycled. Most students didn't mind taking the extra thirty seconds it took to separate their lunch trash. "It is worth a little bit of time just knowing that what I am doing is helping out the environment. However, I think people should go farther than just recycling," replied junior Brooke Wilbraham.

Recycling measures were also taken outside of school. The county implemented a program which supplied blue recycling bins to most families for their glass and cans and other recyclable goods. A scheduled pick-up time was established for weekly recycling. "My family and I put all of our trash in the blue bins. I can rest in peace at night knowing that I have helped the environment in a small way," added Susan Bottomley.

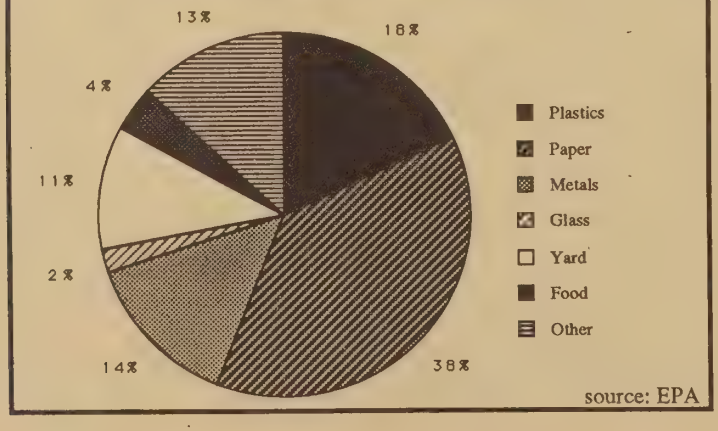
Although recycling is a current trend, it must continue to be effective. The environment will be facing a serious crisis if Americans fail to recognize the importance of recycling and other measures intended to promote environmental awareness. It is important that Edison students keep up their interest and concern for recycling and other conservation methods.

It has been hard for some students to get used to the idea of recycling. Sophomore Shannon Dewhirst said, "Recycling is a fairly new idea, so it's taken my family and me some effort to remember to separate the trash." Others wish the collection services would do more, such as Mrs. Kris Leedom who said, "They don't collect plastic in my neighborhood, and I feel so guilty everytime I throw away a milk jug!"

The recycling trend is a welcome one. As we stand on the edge of adulthood, we cannot help but imagine the world as it will be for our children. Recycling, though only one step of many necessary to save our planet, is perhaps the largest of all. It becomes less difficult once we realize that our actions today have a great affect upon our future.

-Erica Ahdoot

What is in a Landfill?



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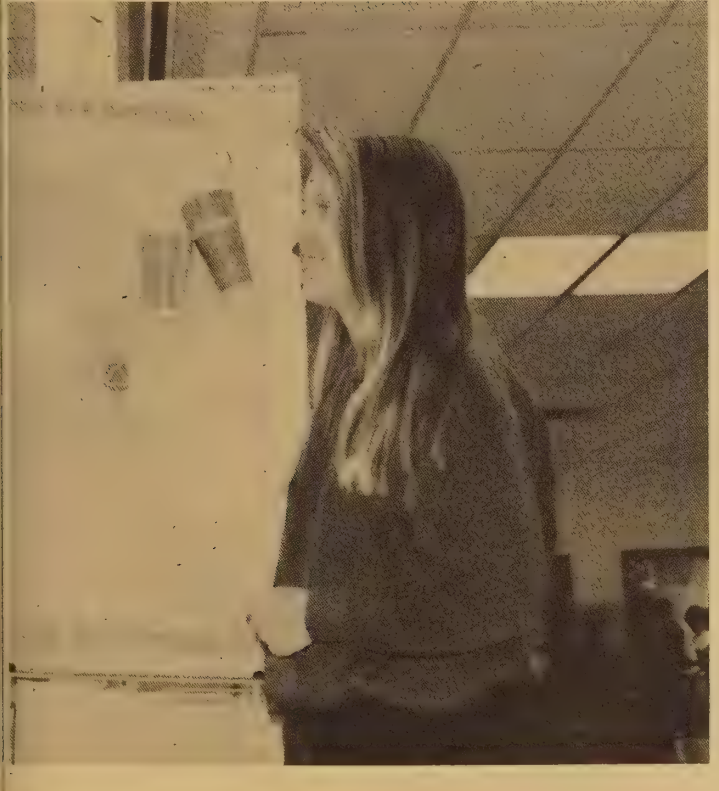
Empty Cans Only *Boxes for aluminum cans began cropping up as students became aware of the need for recycling.*



Every Bit Helps *Freshman Keesha Lawrence takes time to separate her trash for the cafeteria recycling bins. Like Keesha, many students made recycling a priority in their efforts to help the environment.*

"With all the waste going through Edison every day, we need to recycle in the cafeteria and throughout the school."

—Teacher Lori Lomison's reply when asked about recycling waste at Edison

Did You Know...

- America produces enough styrofoam cups every year to circle the earth *436 times*
- It takes *500,000 trees* to supply Americans with their Sunday paper every week
- Americans produce *154 million tons* of garbage a year —enough to fill the New Orlean's Superdome from top to bottom twice a day, every day. ???

"A talon symbolizes our dependence on the limb of knowledge in the tree of life — our hold on the past —, our grasp on the future. In the mighty and perplexing world we enter, we stand on what we have learned, fight ignorance with knowledge, and ward against injustice with truth. These are the elements of growth and development to be nurtured in our years at Edison High School. What then could epitomize our memorable years in high school and be more symbolic of our strength gained through knowledge than the tenacious grasp of the talon?"

-John Prohaska, 1964
On picking the name
of the yearbook

The Day the Eagle Flew Away
Talon Tales

The day the eagle "flew away" has become part of the folklore of the school's history. In fact, there are so many variations of the story, that the facts of the tale have become difficult to discern.

The eagle first perched proudly in front of the school in 1967, having been purchased by the students themselves who donated change from their lunch money and allowances to build a fund with which to buy the mascot. Diane Dillon Winegar, a member of the class of 1969, said, "There was a place in the cafeteria where we could donate money toward the eagle. Everyone wanted to contribute, even if he or she didn't have much."

Then, one evening in 1968, as the story goes, students from Hayfield High School, surreptitously stole the eagle from its perch high above the main doors of the school. Edison students were appalled to learn the news that their beloved eagle had been stolen during the night. They set out to find their mascot. Mary Cicale Anderson, mother of senior Melissa Anderson and sophomore Shannon Anderson, had graduated from Edison the year before, but remembers that the entire community heard the story of the eagle. Eventually, the mascot was returned and replaced above the school.

In 1975 the eagle was once again kidnapped. According to Hayfield graduate Coach Jim Wild, "The eagle was stolen again, but this time by Fort Hunt students who blamed the theft on Hayfield. The eagle was apparently located in a creek by the railroad tracks near Beulah Road and, for a second time, reinstalled to its nest above Edison.

The eagle has remained a symbol of courage, strength and pride for all "Edison Eagles."

-Missy Mereness

From the Eagle's Perspective The 1978 *Talon* features a series of photographs of this unidentified student who bravely shimmied up the pole to sit alongside the eagle.

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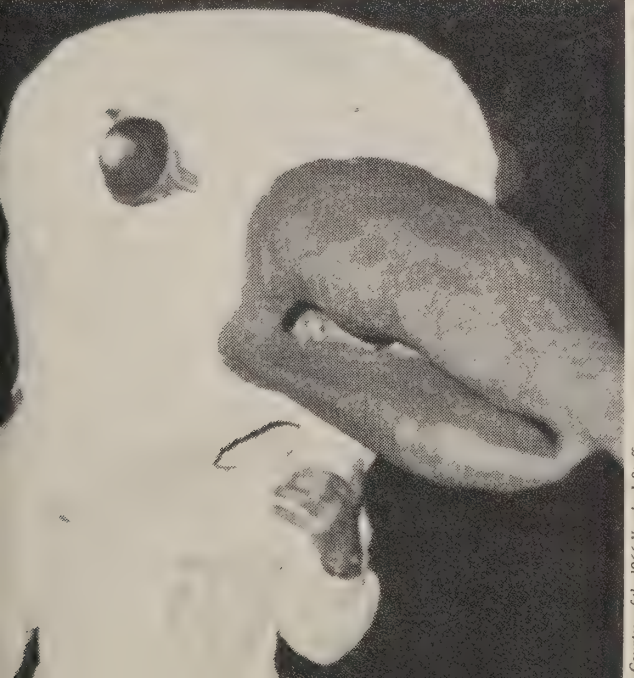

Courtesy of the 1966 Yearbook Staff

Reza Marvashti

An Antiquated Eagle A much different mascot than the one which now parades at football games, the 1966 eagle wore a costume which fit over the head only, and not the entire body. Today's mascot sports feathered wings.

Flying Proudly Secure in his position above the TE logo, the Edison eagle looks down on the "Class of '92" rock and all who enter his domain. The eagle has not left his perch since 1975.

SPORTS

Changing the Game

Amy Dievendorf
Crystal Ellerman
Sports Editors

For over a third of the Edison student body, September meant more than just a return to a daily school routine. For approximately 370 student athletes, who particiapated in fall, winter or spring sports, schedules extended far past the 2:20 bell to include practices, games, and matches. Decreasing enrollment at Edison forced an increased commitment from Eagle athletes determined to prove that they could compete with the biggest and the best. Senior Mike Evans commented, "To be successful in athletics, teamwork and committment are most essential." The Edison community salutes the efforts of each individual athlete, coach and teams. The following pages chronicle their highlights and achievements.

Keeping his eyes focused, sophomore Aaron Toscano digs deep down inside to gain the strength needed to shatter his old freestyle record.

In a display of team togetherness, offensive tackle Eugene Mays congratulates quarterback Darien Jones after his 95-yard touchdown scamper. Mays was awarded "Gunston District Defensive Player of the Year" for his displays of aggresivness and leadership.

After receiving the kickoff, sophomore Darien Jones begins his journey of 95 yards for a touchdown, breaking the school record in the progress. Despite his 5'4" height Jones was able to overcome adversity and played a dominant part in the Eagles' offense.

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Front row: Andy Fox, Joe Hildebrand, Scott Saulnier, Chuckie Mutter, Krikor Melkesitekian, Mike Solis, John Berrera, Solheil Khan, Danny Modesitt, Doug Monson, Adam Rice; Second Row: Stan Daily, Richard Meister, Earl Carpenter, Rob Waslaski, Brian Truesdale, Ted Hall, Reza Marvashti, Mike Riolo, Jerry Brumbaugh, Jason Webster, Ronnie Highnote; Third row: Sol Mintz, Mike Ryan, Mackie McManus, Tony McKoy, Zeldon McQueen, John Stafford, Tommy Banner, Sean Grier, Nikki Graziano, Tim Wright, Darien Jones; Back row: Brian Keating, Lowell Usrey, Pat Mock, Joshua Sheers-Masters, John Newman, Eugene Mays, Derick Payne, John Scott, Jack Friend, Clarence Farmer. Not pictured: Marc Jimenez

Eagles End Season With 4-6 Record

Beginning the season on an upnote, the Eagles looked forward to yet another playoff berth. But small numbers and key injuries prevented anything like this from happening.

The final record of 4-6 did not reflect the performance of the team. Many losses were to regional powers such as Lake Braddock and West Potomac who both advanced to regional playoff action. However, many heroes were created during the season. A small but powerful offensive line led the way for a potent backfield in senior fullback John Barrera and senior tailback Zeldon McQueen. Leading the offense was the diminuative quarterback Darien Jones. In the beginning some fans were skeptical about Jones' abilities — he was "too small, too inexperienced." When the season finished Jones emerged as a Second Team All-District selection, and led the team in total yards from scrimmage.

On defense many individual stars also emerged, but as a team things just wouldn't click. After beginning the season with a shutout over Washington and Lee (the first in two years) the streak was ended to a very hungry Lake Braddock squad. The defense offered many all-district selections such as first team John Newman and Eugene Mays. Mays also received Gunston District Defensive Player of the Year. Second team selection was awarded to Zeldon McQueen and honorable mention went to Chuck Mutter and Johnny Barrera.

The year defensivley was best put by captain John Newman: "Although numbers hurt us, we stuck together as a team and upset some of our opponents." The highlight of the season came when our Eagles upset a heavily-favored Lee Lancers team to win back the Franconia Cup, a trophy shared between the two rival schools.

All in all this was a very hard-working team who had their sights set high. The season was more of an individual's triumph than a team's.

Reza Marvashti and John Newman

"Although numbers hurt us this year we stuck together as a team and upset a few of our opponents," said co-captain John Newman.

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After holding off the opponent's offensive threat, Coach Stewart gives specific instructions to junior linebacker Mike Solis on how to handle the next series. Stewart served as the brains as well as the inspiration behind the Eagles' defensive scheme.

SCOREBOARD

Varsity

Washington-Lee	0	2
Lake Braddock	37	7
West Springfield	29	0
Hayfield	48	0
Lee	14	21
Herndon	21	0
West Potomac	21	13
Marshall	13	18
Jefferson	14	30
Mount Vernon	14	0

Final Record: 4-6

"Even without a winning record, the 1991 JV football team demonstrated its Eagle Pride and will give Edison a continued excellent football tradition"
Coach Rod Manuel

Anticipating the snap, junior Alex Ramos seems to be eying the camera as if it were a Statesman linebacker. Quickness as well as sight are crucial for a tailback.

Hugging the ball as well as the sidelines Alex Ramos is slammed forward into Marshall territory. Ramos showed skill and agility and promises to be a threat to deal with in the future.

Jerri Ross

SCOREBOARD

Freshman

	Eagles	Opponent
Hayfield	6	33
Lee	0	14
Herndon	6	54
West Potomac	0	67
Marshall	14	21
Jefferson	0	18

Final Record: 0-6

Jerri Ross

Cutting against the grain sophomore Alex Ramos eludes Marshall defenders en route to another Eagle first down. Ramos was instrumental in the success of the running game of the squad. He credits his line with great blocking and opening monsterous holes.

Jerri Ross

Warming up his arm, sophomore Lowell Usrey prepares for the clash with Marshall. Usrey was very productive for the J.V. as well as getting the call from varsity a few times.

Explosive Moments

The biggest obstacle Edison's freshman and junior varsity football teams faced this season was lack of depth. Both teams were forced to play a numbers game with many players playing on both offense and defense. On the positive side, players gained a lot of experience and learned a lot about the game.

The freshman team began the season with thirty players but ended with only twenty-two. Potential stand-out Jay Milburn broke his leg in the first game, and other injuries took their toll as the season progressed. Outstanding players for the season were Matt Gardner and Eric Barton. First year coach Scott Garretson stated that although the team's record was 0-6, they should have won some games. "The defense had good moments and bad moments but played a really physically agressive game. It was mainly that under pressure, they couldn't finish the play."

Although capturing few victories (2-6 record), the junior varsity football team, led by Tommy Banner and Brian Keating, succeeded in learning the "Eagle" team concept. With a defense led by John Stafford and company, the JV Eagles laid a solid foundation for the future. Although struggling at times, the offense was capable of exploding at important moments. Alex Ramos and Lowell Usrey were key players to the JV offence. Lowell Usrey commented, "Our offense was not as productive as we would have liked due to lack of experience. We had excellent help from our coaches, Coach Rod Manuel and Coach Mike Wells." Coach Rod Manuel stated, "Even without a winning record, the 1991 JV football team demonstrated its Eagle Pride and will give Edison a continued excellent football tradition."

-Amy Dievendorf

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Freshmen: Front row: Raymond Gamble, Tariq Hassanein, Pat Kavros, Mike Mainer, Richard Hayden, Matthew Alford, Scott Wages, Tim Hildebrand, Greg Midlam; Second row: Dwane Nance, Quincy Hayes, Luis Losano, Phu Vinh Nguyen, Josh Nelbach, David Huffman, Jamel Doiley, Matt Gardner, Kart Sadler; Back row: Doug Middlebrooks, Brian Cilinski, Emmanuel Garrett, Brian Kandul, Pat Embry, Jim Lloyd, Richie Wolfe, Jeff Christ, Andy Hardester.

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Junior varsity: Front row: Mario Casale, Micheal Barnes, Lowell Usrey, Bobby Alexander, Bryan Catlett, Richard Meister; Second row: Jontae Ross, Stan Dalie, Duane Eiskant, Dan Farmer, Kevin Simmons, Daniel Eiskant, Binh Nguyen.

Jerri Ross

Preparing to crush their defenders, the offensive line explodes outward to open holes for the backs. The line suffered low numbers and key injuries which seemed to slow the progress of the team.

SCOREBOARD

Junior Varsity

	Eagles	Opponent
Lake Braddock	0	35
Mt. Vernon	7	2
Hayfield	0	42
Lee	14	6
Herndon	0	30
West Potomac	0	28
Marshall	14	16
Jefferson	0	14

Final Record: 2-6

Sophomore Leslie Cochraham shows excellent form and a lot of enthusiasm while cheering. Making varsity was a great accomplishment for Leslie. She had worked very hard and was excited to be part of the squad.

Senior co-captain Kelly Frederick cheers for Eagle victory. Kelly's team spirit and enthusiasm helped the squad work hard and still have fun. As president of the senior class, Kelly also inspired her class with spirit.

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Front row: Michelle Roche, Kelly Frederick; Second row: Melissa Roche, Kaci Spriggs, Cyndie Boehm, Leslie Cochraham, Ann Herring, Jenny Gallahan; Back row: Ami Algire, Cindy DeWitt, Michelle Washlack, Jami Walker, Desaree Riley, Ashley Jalette.

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Starting From Scratch

The enthusiastic squad had a lot of spirit during the fall and winter seasons. However, the squad did have some minor worries. "This year, since we only had two returning varsity cheerleaders, it was a little tough to get started in the beginning, but the squad pulled together, worked hard and had fun!" commented sophomore Melissa Roche.

The squad was also led by a new coach, Liz Alexander, who explained, "I couldn't have asked for a better squad for my first year. All the girls were supportive of Edison and each other. They worked extremely well together and the seniors showed a great deal of leadership. Even though there was more of an age range, the girls were all very experienced and came together as a terrific team!"

The squad started practicing in early July for its trip to Greeley, Pennsylvania for the Pineforest Cheerleading Camp from August 24-27. The girls brought home many awards to show that their hard work had paid off. They received four first-place ribbons and one second-place ribbon for night competitions and an overall first-place ribbon. The girls also won a spirit-stick for each night, and were nominated for squad of excellence.

Junior Cyndie Boehm was selected as All-American cheerleader at Pineforest and had the chance to participate in the Aloha Bowl in Hawaii. "I feel it is an honor. I worked hard and I hope it will open up some opportunities for me." She added, "The squad worked better together than I expected. It was great!"

The girls planned many fundraisers and hosted activities throughout the year including spirit links at homecoming and the Sadie Hawkins Dance. The squad never stopped spreading its spirit. Senior co-captain Kelly Frederick commented, "The season went great. All of the girls were very enthusiastic and we all worked well together. Our coach was the best. She worked hard with us and all the squads. She contributed her wonderful spirit and enthusiasm. She kept us focused, and most importantly encouraged us to have fun!"

-Kate Paone

> "I couldn't have asked for a better squad for my first year. All the girls were supportive of Edison and each other," commented Coach Liz Alexander.

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The varsity cheerleading squad shows strength and spirit while performing a difficult mount at a home game. The squad worked long and hard to perfect their mounts and the result was excellent.

Segall-Majestic

Junior Jenny Gallahan shares her excitement with the homecoming crowd by throwing a miniature football to the screaming fans. Only a lucky few fans would receive a football by fighting the crowd for a lucky catch.

"A cheerleader is someone who is school-spirited and not embarrassed to be in front of a large crowd."

Beth Moran

Tommi Jami

Freshmen Nicole Misantone and Erica Kovalcik show they have just as much enthusiasm for their school as the older cheerleaders.

Proudly displaying their spirit stick, the junior varsity squad ends a busy week at cheerleading camp in the Poconos with a celebration of their success.

Liz Alexander

Tommi Jami

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"I enjoy being part of an organization that promotes school spirit," says Beth Moran. Beth was a member of the jv squad.

Senior Brian Benton keeps the crowd enthused and the team encouraged through the intense homecoming game.

Liz Alexander

A playground is a perfect setting for the playful jv cheerleading squad as they wait for their chance to perform.

Encouraging Outcrys

Above all the commotion of the game, the voices of the freshman and junior varsity cheerleaders could be heard. The two squads worked hard to encourage the teams to do their best and the crowd to yell their loudest. The squad members enjoyed adding spirit to the games and pep rallies. Many revealed their ability to dance as the choreography became more and more complicated. Both squads worked long, hard and their strenuous work showed in their creative cheers.

Even with the lack of support the freshmen got from the upperclassmen at the pep rallies, the cheerleaders still continued their cheers, undaunted by the boos, and went on to do an outstanding job at the games. The junior varsity squad had it easier than the freshmen; not being the youngest, they were given more respect.

The cheerleaders were great at lifting the mood of the crowd when the teams were not at their best. Nicole Misantone defined a cheerleader as, "someone that has a good attitude and has school spirit." Beth Moran added, "A cheerleader is someone who is school-spirited and not embarassed to be in front of a large crowd." Working on the squad made the members glad they had encountered the experience. The freshman and junior varsity cheerleading squads proved that they were a devoted group. They stuck it out through the good and bad times; their spirit just kept shining.

-Crystal Henry

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Junior varsity: Front row: Sara Hernly, Beth Moran; Middle Row: Laura Freige, Dawn Price, Janie Hamilton; Back row: Ms. Anne Marie Ludlow, Sponsor, Stacee Cress, Erin Fenstomocher, Brian Benton, Shatori Mann.

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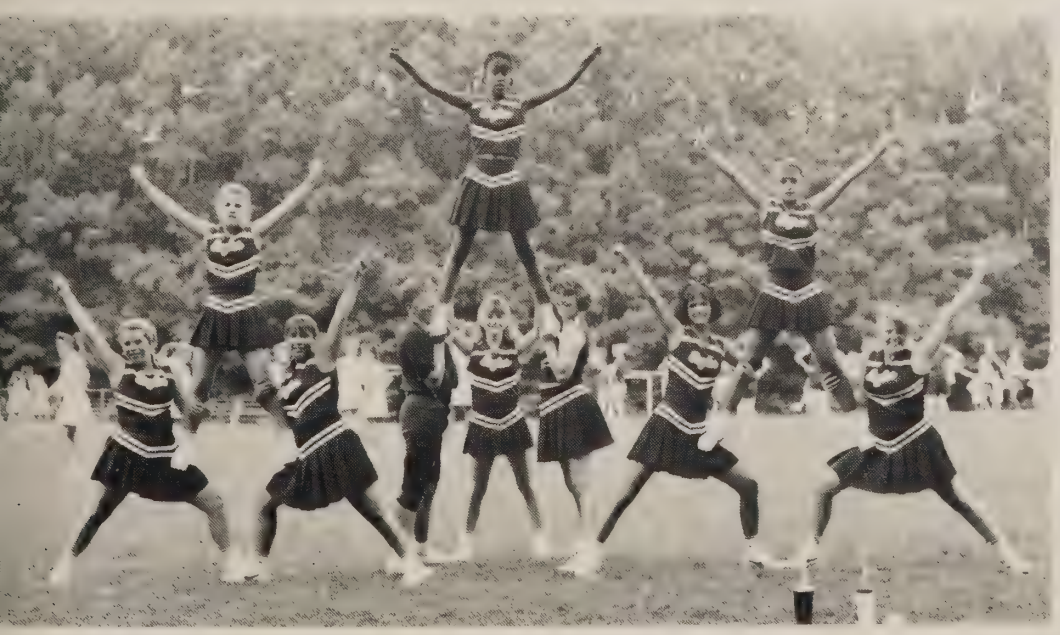
Freshmen: Front row: Aspen Lagman, Shannon Ruempler, Krissy Gallahan, Aeree Lee, Christy Miller; Back row: Nicole Misantone, Sandy Masros, LeShonda Powell, Angie Story, Erica Kovalcik.



Liz Alexander

Attending cheerleading camp was one of the best ways for the jv squad to improve their skills and strength.

Nicole Misantone performs a dance routine at one of the Friday night football games, showing that she still has energy after a strenuous day.

"In the beginning of the season the team consisted of individuals. As the season progressed everyone came together as a team,"

Amy Hofbauer

Sophomore starter Allison Morton ingeniously leaves the ball for speedy senior tri-captain DeAnn Lance to charge towards the Wolverine goal. Lance was awarded First Team All- District.

Senior tri-captain Maggie Morton attentively watches as her fellow teammate DeAnn Lance successfully jukes a Wolverine defender. Teamwork was an important asset of the team's success.

Reza Marvashti

Reza Marvashti

SCOREBOARD

Junior Varsity

	Edison	Opponent
Falls Church	0	1
Lee	0	3
Jefferson	1	1
Hayfield	1	2
West Potomac	0	2
Mt. Vernon	1	3
Lee	0	2
Jefferson	1	3
Hayfield	3	1
West Potomac	0	2

Final Record: 1-8-1

Jerri Ross

Taking a warm up lap around the field, the girls prepare physically and mentally for the game to come. This was the routine before each game and it ensured that the girls were ready to play their best.

Jerri Ros

Backing up their team, Bericka Wilkins, Jasmine Tyler and Kim Randolph wait attentively as Jessica Birt attempts to clear the ball before the shot on goalie Keesha Lawrence is taken.

The Scoop on Hockey

As the girls field hockey team edged their way into the season, the returning varsity players had to adapt to their younger, less experienced teammates. The 1990 season had come to a close leaving nine spots open on varsity. With only five returning varsity players, the girls learned to blend the diversity of the age groups. "In the beginning of the season the team consisted of individuals. As the season progressed everyone came together as a team," said tri-captain Amy Hofbauer.

The field hockey team began its season with a 6-0 victory over Stuart only to fall to Falls Church 7-1 the following game. This was a roller coaster ride the girls had to leave behind to aim for consistancy in their playing. "It's very emotionally draining to move from one extreme to another, but I feel that we have strengthened our skills, enabling us to play at a more even pattern," commented junior Melissa Lawrence.

The junior varsity team struggled to pull together a team consisting of mainly freshmen. "It was particularly frustrating to have players not only developing skills, but learning them at the same time," explained co-captain Kate Paone. "However, with a young team, everyone was very versatile. The girls had to learn to play more than one position in order to fill in the gaps," said J.V. coach Nancy Mishtal.

"One advantage to our young team is that by the time we become upperclassmen, we will have more experience, having worked with the same people. This will give us an edge on the competition," explained sophomore Allison Morton.

Maggie Morton and DeAnn Lance

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Varsity: Front row: Maggie Morton, DeAnn Lance, Amy Hofbauer; Second row: Kristy Cannon, Kim Kellmel, Allison Morton, Melissa Lawrence, Shannon Anderson, Melissa Wickert; Back row: Megan Hawkins, Brook Wilbraham, Judy Dalie, Holly Williams, Melissa Fissell, Kelly Casper.

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Junior Varsity: Front row: Jasmine Tyler, Kate Paone; Second row: Sagina Wahi, Tuyen Nguyen, Rajju Patel, Jessica Birt, Trish Fix, Stephanie Smith; Third row: Natalie Horowitz, Jenny Bersch, Sara Crampton, Colleen Lance, Kim Randolph, Heather Lee, Keesha Lawrence, Dara Roberts, Bareeka Williams, Neele O'Hara.

Reza Marvashti

Flicking the ball in hopes to advance down the field, Melissa Lawrence displays her skills as Melissa Fissell runs through for the pass to perform the give-and-go play.

SCOREBOARD

Varsity

	Edison	Opponent
Stuart	7	0
Falls Church	0	6
Lee	0	0
Jefferson	1	6
Hayfield	0	4
West Potomac	0	4
Mt. Vernon	3	1
Lee	0	2
T.C. Williams	2	2
Jefferson	0	3
Hayfield	1	0
West Potomac	0	3
Mt. Vernon	0	0

Final Record: 3-7-3

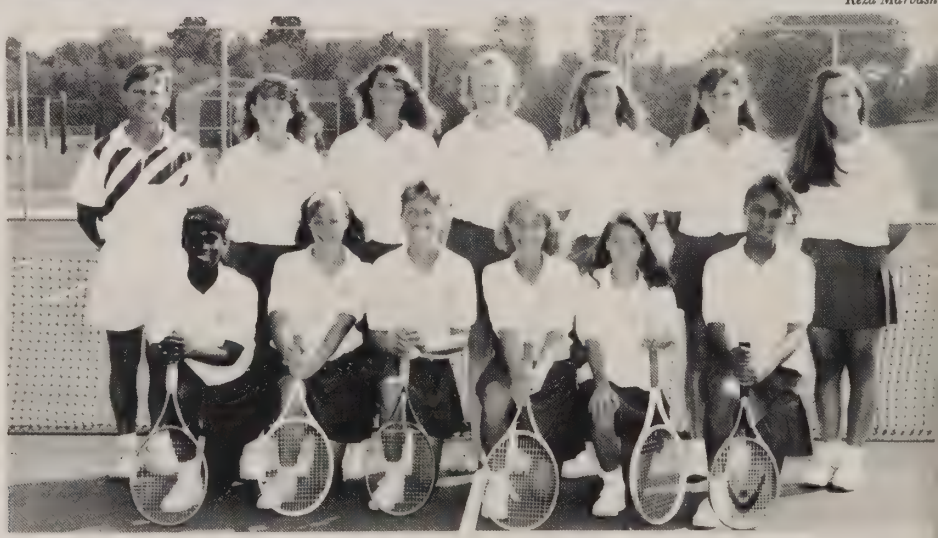
Senior Erica Haubert shows just how much strength and determination it takes to receive a first team all-district honor. Erica is busy all year round; she is active in three varsity sports.

After serving, sophomore Kelli Perkins prepares to set up for rebuttal from her opponent. Kelli was a key player for the team during crucial matches and came up big for her senior partner, Erica Haubert.

Tommy Jami

Reza Marvash

Front row: Lee Jackson, Erin Conway, Jill Russell, Crystal Henry, Catherine Girouard, Rosalind Choates; Back row: Coach John Myers, Lisa Riley, Erica Haubert, Missy Cooper, Kelli Perkins, Lisa Angelini, Michelle Roche.



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Some Racquet

Overhead smashing their way through the season, girls tennis faced a tough schedule as a team although there were many excellent individual efforts. Coach Meyers said, "As a whole the team didn't do quite as well as we anticipated, although Erica Haubert and Kelli Perkins had great success at placing first in doubles." Erica Haubert and Kelli Perkins received Second Team All-District honors in doubles and Erica received Second Team All-District honors in singles. The two placed second in the district when they were defeated in the finals by Mount Vernon. Erica Haubert expressed her feelings: "Kelli and I did better than we ever expected, but we worked hard to earn it. Going to the regional tournament was our goal and we achieved it. We were the first Edison players to go in four years." Kelli expressed her feelings about the season: "We are looking at this year as an opportunity to grow because next year we will have a young team."

Throughout the season many matches played closely, with losses of minimal margins. Michelle Roche said, "Our record alone was somewhat disappointing, however it doesn't adequately reflect the achievements of the team. We lost many close matches and individual members of the team did well in the District tournament."

Junior Missy Cooper learned how to keep her confidence up when at first falling behind in a match. She stated, "It was an uphill battle, a bit frustrating because we did not get the numbers we had anticipated and our record was a poor reflection of how much effort was exerted by the team as a whole."

Edison has always had to push a little harder than some of the larger schools in the district, due to the size of its student body.

Steve Bansal

"Kelli and I did better than we ever expected, but we worked hard to earn it. Going to the regional tournament was our goal and we achieved it!"

-Erica Haubert

Tommy Jami

Senior co-captain Michelle Roche demonstrates an attentive stance as she awaites a serve. It is important to get off a strong return as well as proper placement of the ball in the opposite court.

SCHEDULE

Hayfield
Pope Paul VI
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee
Jefferson
Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee
Jefferson

Senior captain Ralph Aucella sprints out to the head of the pack at the Gunston District meet, which was held at Burke Lake Park. The course was a challenging 3.1 miles that demanded not only speed but endurance.

Sarah Castleberry takes a slow warm up run before the district meet. Sarah placed second in the meet and advanced to the regional meet. Sarah was the captain and most valuable runner for the girls team.

Pejman Rashidi

Pejman Rash

Front row: Jessica Spear, Sarah Castleberry, Tatiana Chestnutt, Michelle Washlack, Cyndie Boehm; Back row: Jerome Andrilenas, Ralph Aucella, Kevin Mebane, Coach Brown, Kurt Anderson, Daniel Reed, Daniel Spear.

Segall-Maje

Running Against Time

Practicing through the heat waves of August until the freezing rains of November pushed the cross country team to a new level of achievements. The team practices were very demanding and they helped the team to improve from last year's results. With the help of Coach Brown's rigorous workouts and lofty goals, the team felt a new level of confidence.

Despite the fact that they were the smallest team in history, the runners were very successful. They represented well in both their dual meets and invitationals. This year the team competed in both the Palloti and University of Virginia invitationals.

The boys team, led by senior captain Ralph Aucella, suprised many at the team's five dual meets and its two invitationals. Because the team consisted of only three runners, it was impossible to win a dual meet. However, despite the small numbers, the team considered the season a success. Sophomore Jerome Andrilenas said, "This season I learned a lot and gained valuable experience."

The girls team, led by senior captain Sarah Castleberry, also had small numbers. Sarah, who placed second in the Gunston District meet, also advanced to the state meet at the University of Virginia. "Through hard work and determination I reached the goals I had set for my senior year," said Sarah. Junior Cyndie Boehm, the other half of the girls team, also had a good season. Cyndie consistently placed in the top five places in all her meets.

-Ralph Aucella

Pejman Rashidi

The men's 1991 cross country team concentrates before the big race, the Gunston District meet. The young team impressed everyone with their determination to do the best with what they had.

"Through hard work and determination I reached the goals I had set for my senior year," said Sarah Castleberry.

SCHEDULE

Nrada Invitational
Hayfield
West Potomac
Palloti Invitational
Mount Vernon
UVA Invitational
Lee
Jefferson
Gunston District Meet
Northern Region Meet

Junior Erick Hawthorne putts through a putting maze during practice at Ft. Belvoir golf course. Putting was a very important key to the team's success during the season.

Putting his way to another eagle, number one golfer, Eric Lefler, keeps an eye on the ball as it rolls towards the hole. Lefler emphasized putting as one of the most important aspects of his game.

Erica Ahdoot

Erica Ahdoot

Front row: Eric Hawthorn, Mike Hendrickson, Eric Lefler, Andy Hawthorn; Back row: Mike Ayala, Jason Card, Joel Kurtz, Chad Foster, Scooter Noone.

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Golf Tees Off

Despite being young and inexperienced in actual competition, the golf team managed to obtain a winning season. Scooter Noone, the only senior, commented, "I could feel the team progressing as the season moved on; I know that they will do even better next year."

Finishing with a losing record, the players proved to be a much deeper team than in the previous year. Two of the key players, Eric Lefler and Erick Hathorne, were very capable of shooting par. Both were key assets in each game, taking the number one and two positions.

Mike Ayala, who has coached Edison's golf team for twelve years, said, "My enthusiasm for coaching and love of the sport, has kept me a part of the golf program thus far. This year's team had a good disposition and the main focus before the season ended was to come together as a team before the district tournament."

The team expected to place second in the Gunston District tournament. Getting off to a bad start, the team unfortunately fell short of their expectations. They placed fifth overall.

Next year the team hopes to improve their standing in the district. According to junior Mike Henderson, "We had a lot of talent this year but we just couldn't get it together. We are now looking forward to next year, with the hopes of placing first or second in the district." The golf team will include its six returning starters, Eric Hawthorn, Mike Hendrickson, Eric Lefler, Andy Hawthorn, Jason Card, Joel Kurtz, and Chad Foster.

Erica Ahdoot

"We had a lot of talent this year but we just couldn't get it together. We are now looking forward to next year."
Mike Henderson

Erica Ahdoot

Handing out score cards, coach Mike Ayala takes a few minutes to go over the game plan of this week's match. Ayala gave the team a sense of pride and team unity.

SCOREBOARD

Varsity

West Potomac	170	163
Mount Vernon	171	198
Centreville	176	174
Lee	183	193
Hayfield	182	183
Jefferson	176	168
Lee	175	169
Lake Braddock	175	165

Final Record: 8-3

Going over his defender, senior John Newman prepares to shoot a bucket against a regionally-favored Fairfax team. Newman was a key shooter inside the lane.

Driving through his defender, senior Mike Perry prepares to explode towards another Edison score. Perry's strength was crucial to the Eagle's inside game.

Reza Marvashti

Reza Marva

Front row: Scott Saulier, Aaron Wells, Mike Evans, Darion Jones, Tony McCoy, Bobby Hackenson; **Back row:** Bobby Hartman, Adam Wells, Maurice Brown, John Newman, Mike Perry, Tijuan Petty, Larry Dunnuck, Billy Mitchell.

Reza Marv

Varsity Starts With A Jam

In the past few years, Edison basketball has not been a dominant force. Boasting records, such as 1-21 three years ago, no one took them seriously. This season proved that they are no joke.

The squad consisted of some very strong competitors and people that could handle the pressure when it came down. Leading them were a group of five senior captains: John Newman, Mike Evans, Mike Perry, Adam Wells, and Larry Dunnuck. These five proved to be worthy of the leadership roles which they earned.

Under the glass, the Eagles were solid with the size and strength of Newman, Perry, and Petty; combined with the finesse and agility of outside guards Evans, Dunnuck, Jones, McKoy, and Wells, this group was no laughing matter. After wins over rivals such as Lee and regionally-ranked Fairfax, the Eagles began to become a bit more satisfied. One exciting win was against district superpower Hayfield. The Eagles prevailed with a buzzer-beating shot to win the game by one point.

With the varsity needing help in the number two guard spot, coach Mike Wells decided to look to the j.v. squad for an added boost. He found it in guard Aaron Wells. Aaron assumed a starting position after a spectacular performance during the Mt. Vernon game.

With two games left in the regular season the Eagles were holding a 10-9 record and looking at two district rivals ahead of them, Mt. Vernon and Robert E. Lee, followed by the district tournament.

The biggest win of the season was against district dominant West Potomac during the District Tournament in March. This was the first time Edison ever defeated the Wolverines in district action. The team came back the next evening to beat a heavily-favored Jefferson to win the tournament. In an ironic playback against the Wolverines, the Eagles suffered a loss, ending up second in distric standings before advancing to regional play. The tournament play was led by Mike Evans and Larry Dunnuck. Dunnuck was awarded MVP for his outstanding shooting.

The team did not win any state championships this season, but they did do something that an Eagles basketball team hasn't done in a while..... gain some respect.

-Reza Marvashti and John Newman

"We've won a few and lost a few, but winning is much better. To sum up the season ..... Inconsistent." Coach Mike Wells.

Reza Marvashti

Pointing towards the Eagle defense, coach Mike Wells tells his team to get into proper position. In his third year as varsity coach, Wells has been the driving force behind the Eagles successful seasons.

SCOREBOARD

VARSITY

	Edison	Opponent
W. Springfield	48	40
Lake Braddock	58	47
Falls Church	36	59
Yorktown	40	48
Hayfield Inv		
Jefferson	45	44
Fairfax	37	48
Hayfield	48	38
Oakton	41	70
W. Potomac	66	39
McLean	60	68
Mt. Vernon	69	55
Wasington-Lee	66	38
Lee	43	60
Jefferson	52	48
Hayfield	44	45
W. Potomac	42	45
Mt. Vernon	54	47
Lee	62	51

Final Record 10-8

After making a defensive steal, senior captain Erica Ahdoot sprints down the court for a fast break. Erica continuously out-dribbled her opponents with her outstanding ball-handling skills.

Senior Thuy Cao gains speed as she leaps towards the hoop showing perfect form. Despite Thuy's small size she always managed to make her lay-ups over the tall defenders.

Reza Marvashti

Reza Marvashti

Front row: Amy Dievendorf, Erica Ahdoot, Allison Morton, Thuy Cao, DeAnn Lance; **Back row:** Allyson Kemper (manager), Lawanda Hopkins, Leigh Moro, Kim Downs, Missy Cooper, Erica Haubert, Coach Sue Shepard.

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GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Up And On A Rebound

The crowds cheered as the varsity girls dribbled their way through an exciting and successful season. Although some victories were the result of close calls, others were won by broad margins, but no matter how slim or wide the gap, the girls stuck together every step of the way.

"Teamwork was definitely our goal for the year. We didn't have the same height as the other teams, so we used our quickness and worked together as a team," explained coach Sue Shepard.

The varsity girls played every Tuesday and Friday night, Friday nights being the most enthusiastic because they had more of their classmates and spectators in the stands to cheer them on. Team meals were served by parents before the games; pasta was a big favorite because it was easy to prepare and it gave the girls a delicious and nutritious boost prior to playing.

The biggest contributors to the winning season included senior captains Erica Ahdoot and Erica Haubert. Other starting players included seniors Thuy Cao, Kim Downs, and junior Missy Cooper. Leading scorers Thuy Cao and Erica Ahdoot averaged almost 15 points a game.

During the holiday vacation, the team went on the road for a tournament sponsored by West Potomac. After trouncing McLean and Marshall, the girls went on to defeat T.C.Williams for the championship. "The T.C. game was the most exciting and memorable for all of us, because the game was so close all the way, and T.C. played rough. We won!!" exclaimed junior Leigh Moro. After defeating T.C., the lady Eagles gained more respect for their athletic abilities and came home with a trophy as winners of the tournament. Thuy, Erica, and Erica were named to the "All-Tournament" team.

-Missy Mereness

"Teamwork is definitely our goal for the year," said varsity coach, Sue Shepard.

Reza Marvashti

Fighting for the rebound, senior captain Erica Haubert knocks the ball out of bounds, making an excellent defensive play.

SCOREBOARD

VARSITY

	Edison	Opponent
Fairfax	45	52
W. Springfield	44	66
Lake Braddock	35	58
Falls Church	52	36
Yorktown	64	46
Marshall	53	40
McLean	58	45
T.C. Williams	65	63
Jefferson	57	58
Hayfield	53	49
Oakton	49	42
West Potomac	46	68
McLean	41	48
Mt. Vernon	57	33
Washington Lee	71	53
Lee	54	55
Jefferson	48	52
Hayfield	47	57
West Potomac	63	70
Mt. Vernon	49	29
Lee	69	38

Final Record 11-10

"We are not as good as we want to be, but we are getting better," said Darren Day.

Eagerly attempting to shoot the ball Aaron Covington launches it over a Fairfax player, while teammate Marcus Bea is fighting for the rebound.

Going up for the basket, Rudy Tyson displays perfect form and coordination as Darren Day eagerly awaits the results.

Reza Marvashti

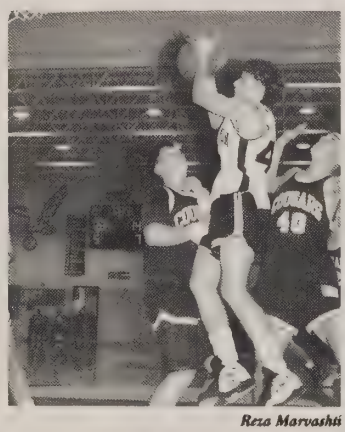
Reza Marvash

SCOREBOARD

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

	Edison	Opponent
Lake Braddock	41	58
Yorktown	35	55
Jefferson	43	63
Fairfax	44	58
Hayfield	57	59
Oakton	51	41
West Potomac	43	56
McLean	36	48
Mt. Vernon	57	55
Washington-Lee	64	69
R. E. Lee	46	62
Jefferson	46	68
Hayfield	39	65
West Potomac	42	81
Mt. Vernon	42	43
R. E. Lee	62	60

Final Record 3-13



Reza Marvashti

Going up for the rebound, Bobby Young succeeds in scoring two points, while being pursued by two players from Oakton. The young team played energetically all season.

Reza Marvash

Going up for the ball, Rudy Tyson finds that rebounding is a ver important part in the game. Being close to his competitors gives him th advantage of getting the ball.

Giving it Our Best

This is the best freshman team in three years," commented coach Mike Thurman. The team continued to make progress, learned the value of playing as a team, and with hard work were able to play impressively throughout the season. Going to practice and making time for personal improvement was important for Matt Gardner who said, 'Basketball gives me something to look forward to later on in life."

Coached by Mr. Robert Allen, the jv basketball team began to prepare for a winning season with the 14 best and most dedicated players at the end of try outs. Having practice three times during the school week, games on Tuesdays and Fridays, and practices on Saturday mornings, the team learned new techniques and perfected old ones such as lay ups, jumpshots and shooting three pointers. Everyone felt that they improved since last year. Russell Edwards commented, "Compared to our freshman year we have had a very progressive season."

Darren Day also added, "We are not as good as we want to be, but we are getting better." Many of the jv players looked forward to playing on varsity. David Moody replied, "We did ok this year and with a little more work we will have a promising varsity team in the years to come."

Due to budget cuts, the jv and freshman team's schedule was changed drastically. The jv team was cut from the Christmas tournament and this left the freshmen with little chance in the future to ever have a Christmas tournament. Both teams played fewer games this season compared to the number they played last season. The players really did not like this idea at all as Doug Schoonmaker pointed out, "Because of the budget cut, we didn't have as many games as we should have had, and that made the beginning of the season really slow. All the games we played this year basically prepared us for next season as well as strengthened us for district games."

-Ginger Smith and Beth Moran

Reza Marvashti

Junior Varsity: Front row: Samrit Kumar, Doug Schoonmaker, Jontae Ross; **Second row:** Ryan Shawghnessy; **Third row:** Aaron Wells; **Fourth row:** Russell Edwards, Thomas Scott; **Fifth row:** David Moody; **Sixth row:** Aaron Covington; **Back row:** Wajid Raja, Darren Day, Brad Kosatka.

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Freshmen: Front row: Doug West, Jamel Doiley, Luis Vasquez, Matt Gardner, Eric Barton, Quincey Adams, Doug Russell, Pat Rave; **Back row:** John Calloway, Steve Brookeland, Alan Christy, Chit Samchonvang, Pat Embrey, Emanuel Garret, Josh Elliot, Bobby Young, Asad Khan.

Reza Marvashti

While freshman Josh Elliot attempts a free throw to add one more point to the scoreboard freshman Emanuel Garet eagerly awaits to rebound if the shot is missed.

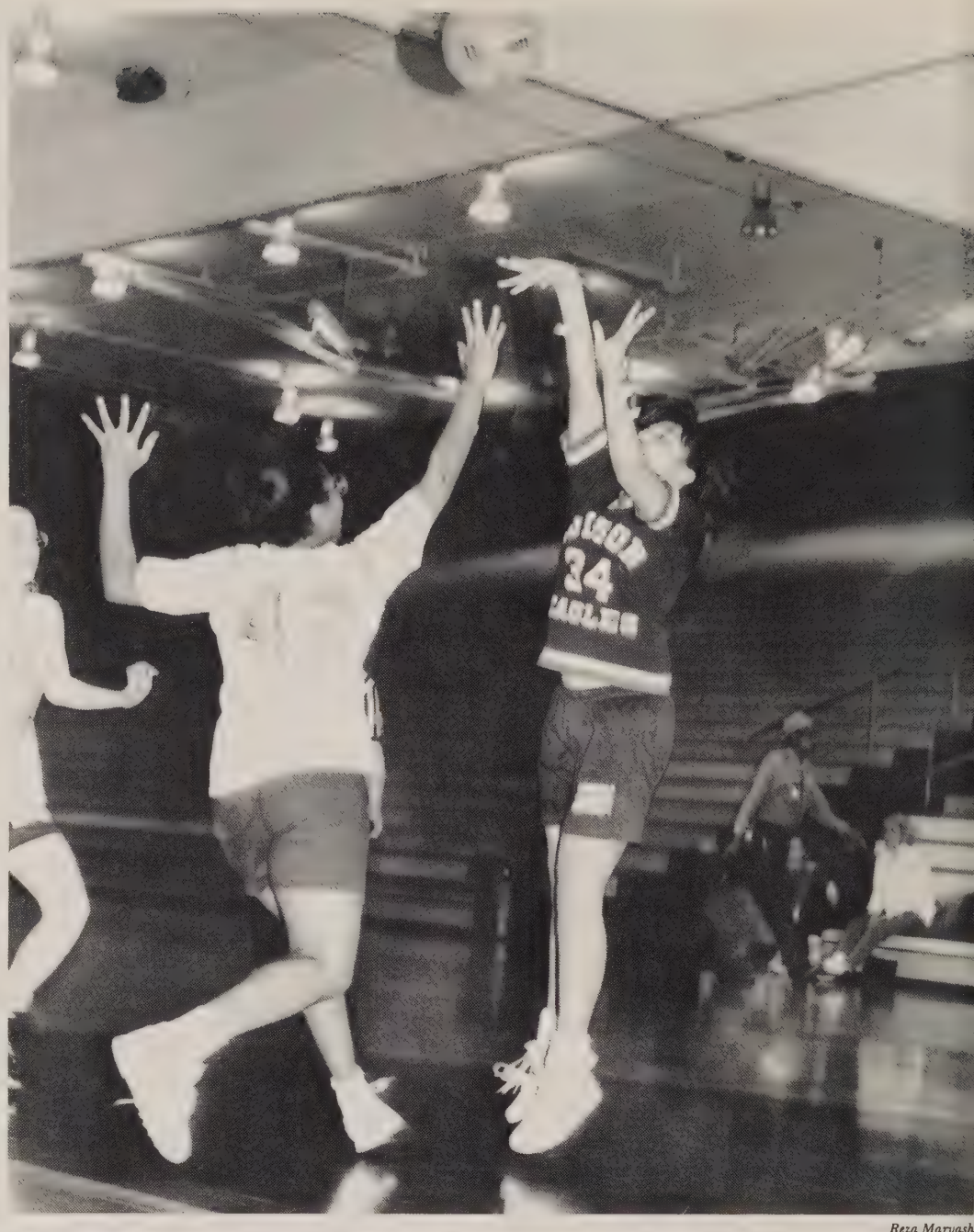
SCOREBOARD

JUNIOR VARSITY

	Edison	Opponent
Lake Braddock	48	54
Yorktown	30	39
Jefferson	51	49
Fairfax	52	42
Hayfield	57	61
Oakton	39	47
West Potomac	40	86
McLean	42	37
Mount Vernon	57	66
Washinton-Lee	40	47
R. E. Lee	48	69
Jefferson	44	87
Hayfield	41	71
West Potomac	30	71
Mount Vernon	42	58
R. E. Lee	38	70

Final Record 3-13

"I think basketball is a great sport and I enjoy playing with the girls on the team," said Silvia Chestnutt.



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Lofting the ball over her rival, freshman Silvia Chestnut demonstrates her excellent follow through. Silvia was strong down low as well as a graceful outside shooter.

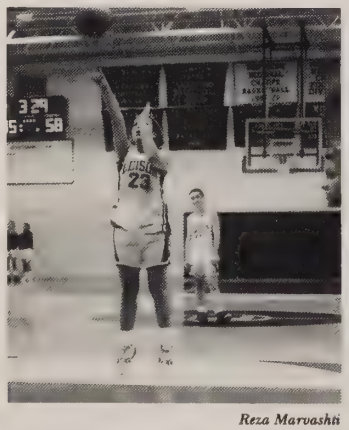
Going strong, freshman Sarah Green, who was a junior varsity player, storms to the basket to make her lay up.

SCOREBOARD

FRESHMAN

	Edison	Opponent
Lake Braddock	34	34
Yorktown	19	43
Jefferson	12	71
Hayfield	24	19
Oakton	13	20
West Potomac	18	53
McLean	10	45
Mount Vernon	19	18
Washington-Lee	27	36
R. E. Lee	14	24
Jefferson	18	37
Hayfield	16	26
West Potomac	12	42
Mount Vernon	21	36
R. E. Lee	27	37

Final Record 2-12-1



Reza Marvashti

Showing perfect form, sophomore Amber Perkins shoots the front end of a two shot foul. Amber was one of the key inside players for the team.

Reza Marvash

Gathered together to go over the next play, the junior varsity gir basketball team plan their winning strategy with the help of coach Pa Tomardy.

Shooting For Success

Both the freshman and jv girls had very hard-working and fun-filled seasons. Both teams found that winning was only a small part of the season; the most important thing was to work hard as a team. Ms. Dwonna Goldstone, the freshman girls coach, explained her goal for the season: "To teach the girls to be respectful on the court and to become overall better players and not just good in one aspect." The only requirement to participate on the team was an interest in the sport and the willingness to work hard. The girls had a rough season but player Silvia Chestnut stated, "We've learned to work together. I think basketball is a great sport and I enjoy playing with the girls on the team."

The jv girls also had a challenging season but were quite successful. Sophomore captains Kelli Perkins and Holly Williams explained that there were many different personalities among the girls and some conflicts but they always overcame their problems and always stayed together and worked hard as a team. Holly also explained, "Basketball is both an individual and team sport. Combining the two is a challenge but our team is strong and can overcome this."

One way the girls came together was to pray before every game. In addition, they psyched themselves up by chanting cheers from the sidelines. After the team was announced the girls always chanted the "Edison Eagle chant." The whole team was heard cheering throughout the entire game.

The girls' coach, Mr. Paul Tomardy, said, "This is my hardest working team and the most offensively talented girls I've coached in my three years at Edison. I think the team has the skills to win the District title." Finally, captain Kelli Perkins, stated, "As soon as we step on the court we're all a team, nobody's better than anybody else, and when we play another team we're no better than they are until we prove it."

-Kate Paone and Alison Russell

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Junior Varsity: Front row: Melissa Lawrence, Holly Williams, Kelli Perkins; **Second row:** Jenny Birch, Lindsay Moro, Melissa Fissel, Sarah Fondriest, Keisha Lawrence; **Back row:** Angie Agresto, Sarah Green, Chrissy Terry, Kim Randolph, Amber Perkins, Coach Paul Tomardy.

Reza Marvashti

Freshmen: Front row: Jasa Cumberland, Arporn Isa, Ninfa Mendieta, Monica Chase, Neele O'Hara; **Back row:** Ms. Dwonna Goldstone, Dawn Crawford, Nipa Patel, Silvia Chestnutt, Bericka Wilkins, Coleen Lance, Cat Lanford.

Reza Marvashti

Driving the ball and weaving through the defense, freshman Neele O'Hara shoots a layup while being pressured by a defensive player. Neele's combined speed and agility gave the Eagle offense an added boost.

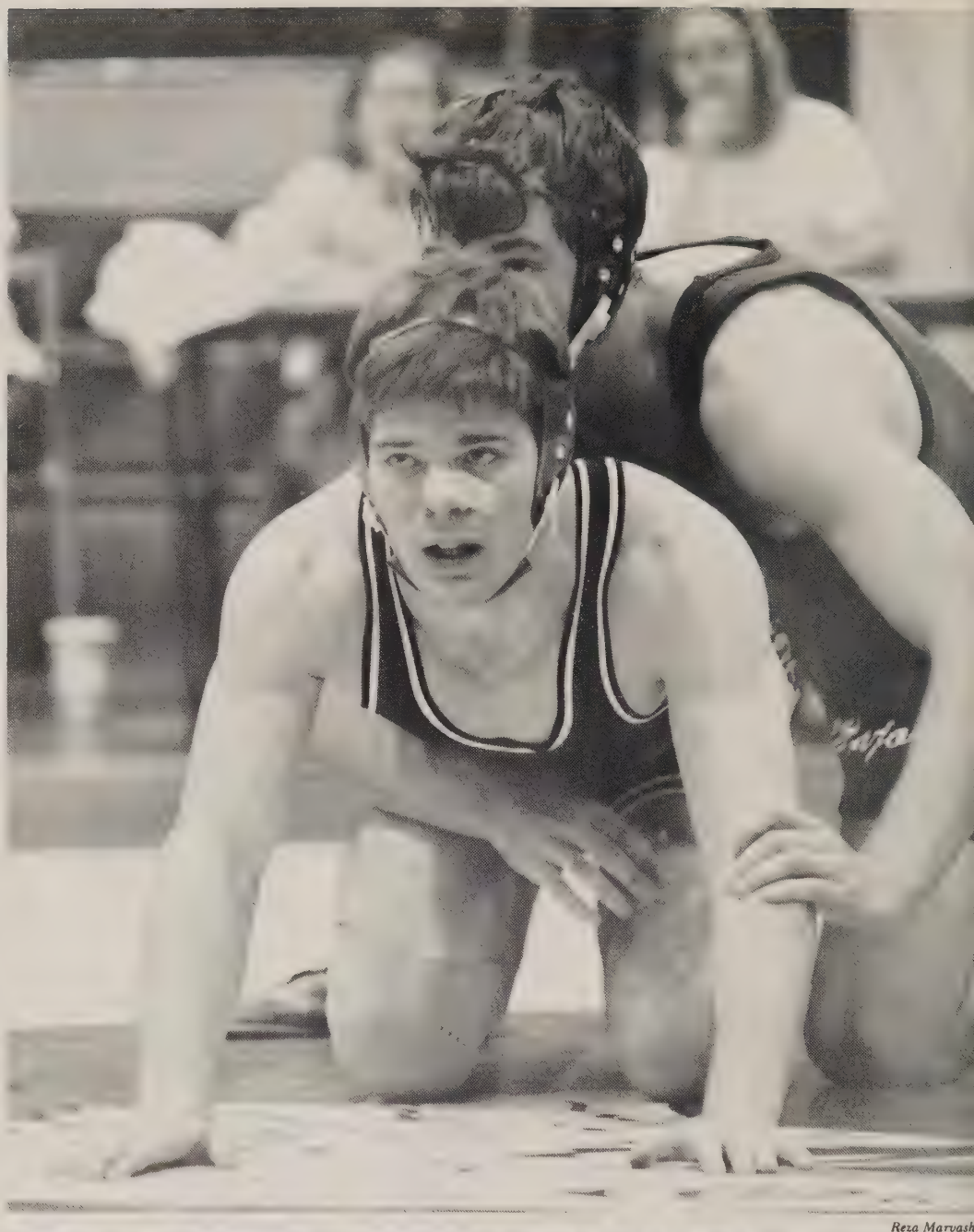
SCOREBOARD

JUNIOR VARSITY

	Edison	Opponent
Fairfax	25	23
Lake Braddock	43	32
Yorktown	56	28
Jefferson	38	48
Hayfield	46	54
Oakton	39	34
West Potomac	56	64
McLean	55	32
Mount Vernon	85	33
Washington-Lee	61	22
R E Lee	48	39
Jefferson	29	47
Hayfield	35	49
West Potomac	47	57
Mount Vernon	44	33
R E Lee	46	39

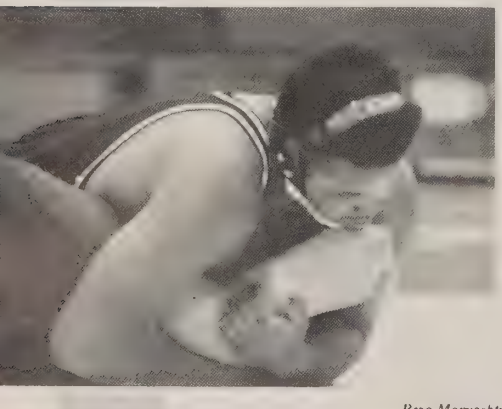
Final Record 9-7

"I never remember starting so well. They are learning fast, every day," said Coach Gary Embrey.



Preparing to execute a reversal, senior Brian Truesdale sets his eyes straight in anticipation. "Trues" dropped from 160 to 152 pounds to gain more competition.

Senior Eugene Mays holds his opponent to the mat with no problem. Very few opponents were able to escape the tight hold of Mays and were defeated in seconds.



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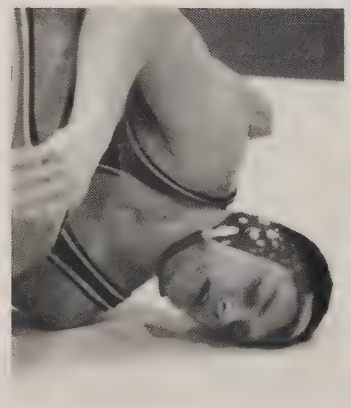
SCOREBOARD

JUNIOR VARSITY

	Edison	Opponent
Paul VI	24	16
South Lakes	42	10
Hayfield	18	25
West Potomac	15	12
Mount Vernon	36	55
Langley	21	4
R E Lee	17	18
Jefferson	24	6
Annandale	30	27
T. C. Williams	36	12

Final Record 7-3



Reza Marvashti

Junior Chuck Mutter takes a second to catch his breath and to think of his next move. Wrestling is a tiring sport and requires a lot of endurance.

Reza Marvas

Determined to pin his opponent, sophomore Andy Hawthorn tightens h leg scissors and squeezes his crossface en-route to another victory. Hawthor and his brother Erick led the lower weights with dominating victories.

Weight Watchers

Weight loss. . .weight gain. When you think of counting calories, you usually think of slimming down in order to look better for yourself or others. Wrestlers kept their eyes on the pounds for other reasons. They had to be extremely conscious of their weight because they must meet weight criteria before being eligible to wrestle in a match. "It was hard to loose weight at first," said Brian Truesdale, "but now it's easy to keep in shape." Gary Embrey, wrestling coach, added, "The most difficult part of wrestling is being in the best physical shape for a six-minute match and learning the skills to out-technique the opponent."

Our two wrestling teams started the season with high quality. Coach Embrey stated, "I never remember starting so well. They are learning more, and learning fast, every day." The team's goal was to compete for the Gunston District title and to get individual wrestlers to the Regionals, and eventually to make the trip to state.

The team had a lot of support from its managers. Angie Lewis, one of the managers, explained, "I think they have a lot of talent. I hope they continue to keep up the good work." These managers admitted that they also loved the sport. "Wresting is my favorite sport. That's why I decided to support the team all I could," said Christine Prevenslik, the team's co-head manager.

Although the size of the jv team was smaller than ever, the team was a consistent contender in district matches. "Even though the team was small, I felt comfortable," said Rob Wasalaski. "I'm confident that we'll make it to the Districts." The varsity team, led by captains Erick Hathorne and Ryan McQuin, was a powerful force of fourteen who won their first six matches. "Although the team was young and we only had three seniors, we were undefeated," said junior Erick Hathorne.

-Mari Torres

Segall-Majestic

Junior Varsity: Front row: Mike Barnes, Victor Bonomi, Ricky Leroy; **Middle row:** Bobby Alexander, Dennis Perez, Tom Jensen, Scott Wadges; **Back row:** Daniel Spears, Larry Reynolds, John Morgan, Robert Wasalaski, Phantomith Prompol, Coach Gary Embrey.

Segall-Majestic

Varsity: Front row: Mike Victoria, Tsegaya Persons; **Second row:** Erick Hawthorn, Andy Hawthorn, Weylin Pore, Chris Walton, Kirk Little; **Back row:** Bill Cruikshank, Brian Truesdale, Eugene Mays, Chuckie Mutter, P.J. Foye, Coach Gary Embrey.

Reza Marvashti

Checking to make sure his opponent is definitely pinned, P.J. Foye increases the grip on his finishing hold. A transfer student from West Virginia, P.J. was a welcomed 189-pound addition to the varsity squad.

SCOREBOARD

VARSITY

	Edison	Opponent
Falls Church	48	21
South Lakes	45	24
Paul VI	50	20
Hayfield	47	26
West Potomac	45	25
Mount Vernon	37	31
Langley	45	20
Stuart	55	18
Washington-Lee	48	23
R E Lee	26	36
Annandale	50	23
T. C. Williams	54	13
Wakefeild	57	9
Jefferson	22	43
Woodbridge	18	42

Final Record 12-3

In pike position, senior Carla Komich takes another dive off the board. Using safety ropes and a trampoline, new and old divers were given a chance to practice their form.

Getting ready to finish a lap, senior Melissa Anderson takes another stroke. Of the four main strokes Melissa enjoyed and competed in the backstroke most often.

Reza Marvashti

Reza Marvashti

Front row: Gisela Penaloza, Kenna Mills, Sarah Chiles, Melissa Anderson, Gillian Flower, Heather Lynch; **Second row:** Caroline Mwendwa, Jeanette Mitchell (Manager), Brian Rosman, Michele Riche, Roni Witol, Erica Kovalcik, Kim Randolph; **Third row:** Jennie Bianco, Joni Gruitt, Verna Pomarea, Jake Weiner, Paul Clements, Gordon Shaw, Chris Holm, Natalie Horowitz; **Fourth row:** Kuang Chen, Katy Cilinski, J.R. Stevenson, Kelley Caspar, Shannon Anderson, Kate Paone, Keesha Lawrence, Brian Cilinski. **Not pictured:** Liz Scott, Bill Cruikshank, Donna Sims (manager), Brian Gainer, Aaron Toscano, Michele Pecori, Wendy Roland, Rebecca Rohm, Jeanne Lewis, James Bruce.

Segall-Majest

Making a Splash

Many sports began to feel the pressure as budget cuts became a reality. The swim and dive team felt tension throughout the season as the possibility of extinction grew. Many swimmers were outraged at the suggestion that their sport be eliminated from county athletics.

Dr. Robert Spillane, Superintendant of Fairfax County Schools, swayed back and forth as pressure from swim team parents increased. Swimmers believe, as do participants in other sports, that belonging to a team encourages teamwork, helps sharpen skills, and builds responsibility. Students from throughout the county attended school board meetings in hopes of getting their views heard. Spillane's main argument was the high cost of pool rental. Participants felt that costs could be cut elsewhere and the importance of the swim and dive team was as great as any other sport. "I understand the budget cuts, but how can they deprive us of a sport? I don't think they should have singled us out," Kate Paone commented dryly.

Although most of the swimmers were concerned with the cuts, they enjoyed the fun of being together. "Working together as a team is what's really important," Roni Witol explained. "Yeah, it's a fun group, just being together is what matters. It's not whether you win or lose," agreed Heather Lynch, a new addition to the team.

The swim team experienced a large swell in participation. Almost doubling in size, they were able to enjoy the fresh faces and talent of the new-comers. "Having a larger team just made it more apparent when we pulled together and became a team," explained Kate Paone.

The swim and dive team really enjoyed this season despite all of the budget problems. Whether or not the swim and dive team will be around next year is still up in the air. Students plan to do everything within their power to keep the sport alive.

-Carrie Marshall and Lowell Usrey

"Yeah, it's a fun group, just being together is what matters. It's not whether you win or lose," said Heather Lynch.

Reza Marvashti

Senior Chris Holm, coming up for air, demonstrates proper breast stroke techniques. Team members were encouraged to sharpen skills in a refered stroke to help them in their competitive meets.

SCHEDULE

Relay Carnival
Hayfield
Jefferson
State Invitational
State Invitational
R. E. Lee
Mt. Vernon
T. C. Williams
West Potomac
Gunston District

Exhibiting graceful form, junior Desaree Riley prepares for the next trick in her routine. Desaree was a strong contender and helped keep the team's spirits high.

Caught in mid-air, freshman Shannon DeLelle performs an ariel in her floor exercise. Shannon practiced a variety of skills and perfected them with weeks of hard and intense work.

Reza Marvashti

Reza Marvash

Front row: Melissa Thompson, Jennifer Bianco, Allison Berardelli, Carrie Edson, Stacey Davis, Shannon DeLelle; **Second Row:** Vicky Wagner, Cindy Dewitt, Desaree Riley, Amanda McDougall, Ryan Herring, Coaches Ally Miller, Bob McKiernan, Greg Dorr.

Heather Mart

Head Over Heels

The loss of the two coaches from the past four seasons was alarming to the returning gymnasts. There were doubts about whether or not there was even going to be a girls gymnastics team. However, the worries were put to an end with the successful search by the athletic department. Two new coaches, both former college gymnasts, were found. "When I was told that we got not just one, but two new coaches, I felt so relieved. Meeting them was even more of a relief. They were totally excited, experienced, and understanding," commented co-captain Cindy Dewitt.

The first month of practice was spent reorganizing, setting new rules, and getting to know team members. As the practices and meets against other schools went on, the team got stronger physically, as well as lifted in team spirit. "The skills I had in the beginning of the season improved so much. I went from scoring twos and threes to fives," exclaimed freshman Melissa Thompson.

The final team scores of several of the meets were close — the opposing teams winning by a small margin. The losses that the team faced made the gymnasts work harder in hopes of beating that team at their next competition.

The gymnastics team's top four competitors each performed on all of the events. Freshman Cathy Girouard was the team's top all-around gymnast, consistantly scoring eights and nines. Girouard's skill and grace show great promise for a future as an individual gymnast. The second top gymnast was junior co-captain Amanda McDougall who scored eights on the vault and sevens on the other events. Third and fourth place all-around competitors were juniors Desaree Riley and Dewitt. Both Riley's and Dewitt's scores ranged from high fives to low sevens on the events.

— Amanda McDougall

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Reza Marvashti

Junior Amanda McDougall concentrates hard on keeping good form throughout her routine on the uneven parallel bars. As captain, Amanda brought high spirits and gave a definite plus to the team.

SCHEDULE

McLean
WT Woodson
Jefferson
Lee
Yorktown
Mt Vernon
Hayfield
Gunston District

Sophomore Lowell Usrey practices for the shot-put. The shot put event requires a great amount of upper body strength and technique. The Edison track team was especially strong in this event.

Tomeka McCory sprints toward the finish line in the 400-meter race during the Gunston District championship meet. The meet was held at George Mason University in the presence of several thousand fans. McCory was a true leader this year and is a bright prospect for the future.

Segall-Majestic

Pejman Rash

Front row: Ada Velasquez, Rachel Calhoun, Stephanie Shaw, Desaree Riley; **Second Row:** Ashley Jalette, Kelly Mann, Cyndie Boehm, Kaci Spriggs, Tamika McCory, Jessica Birt; **Third Row:** Jerome Andrelinas, Rosalind Choates, Cory Williams, Sarah Castleberry, Mike Hedrickson, Kevin Mebane, Jason Webster, Lowell Usrey, Zeldon McQuen, Tommy Jami. **Not pictured:** Kevin Bouck, David Freidlander, Ozzy Smith, Richie Balkisoon.

Segall-Maj

Sprinting For A Better Time

During the first day of practice it became obvious to the new coach, Mr. Clifford Hardison, that the team would not have as many members as their opponents, nor would they have the experience. The team only had several athletes returning from last year's "rebuilding team" along with several newcomers. With such small numbers all the athletes had to compete in several events. This meant that extra preparation was needed for each event and every meet. Both the boys and girls teams had successful seasons and all the athletes gained valuable experience.

The boys team was led by sophomores Jerome Andrilenas and Kevin Bouck. Andrilenas ran in the 1000 and 1600 meter races, while Bouck specialized in the sprinting events. Juniors Mike Hendrickson and Richie Balkisoon helped balance the team, Balkisoon leading in field events and Hendrickson in the 1000 meter race. Newcomer Asad Kahn surprised his teammates with several top placings in the 300 meter race. The team's highlight of the year was defeating Hayfield at their own home track. All the runners came together as a team to defeat their rivals. Coach Hardison summed up this year's season by saying, "The boys are young and inexperienced but definitely competitive in nature."

The girls team was led by senior captain Sarah Castleberry. Castleberry competed in a multitude of events and she was successful in all of them. She specialized in the high jump and was one of the Northern Region's top performers. This year's team also featured an impressive young 1600 meter relay team. The team consisted of juniors Rosalyn Choates and Tomeka McCory along with two underclassmen Stephanie Shaw and Rachael Calhoun.

Despite the limited success of the team, Coach Hardison has a bright vision for future Edison track teams. "Both the boys and girls teams showed a tremendous amount of character and desire and we're all looking ahead to the spring season.

— *Ralph Aucella*

"The boys are young and inexperienced but definitely competitive in nature," said Coach Cliff Hardison.

Reza Marvashti

Dominating the district, senior Sarah Castleberry clears the height of the bar with confidence and ease. Sarah proved to be one of the best competitors in the region. She took first place in the high-jump in every tri-meet.

SCHEDULE

W. Potomac/Hayfield
W. Potomac/Hayfield
Mt. Vernon/W. Potomac
Mt. Vernon/W. Potomac
Lee/Mt. Vernon
Lee/Mt. Vernon
Hayfield/Mt. Vernon
Hayfield/Mt. Vernon
Hayfield/Jefferson
Hayfield/Jefferson

"It's good to have fun, but we were out there for a serious reason... to win it all. There is a space in the gym for a banner!" said coach Jim Wild.

Freshman Tim Greene makes a move around his defender to drive to the goal for a one-on-one shot with the goalie to put his team up by one.

The junior varsity team defense pulls together to stop their opponents from taking the lead. Daniel Spear clears the ball through Annandale's offense.

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SCHEDULE

Varsity

Annandale
Jefferson
Centreville
Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee
Jefferson
Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee

Pejman Rashidi

Junior varsity team members watch and give their teammates support as they begin their first home game of the season against Annandale. The bench was sure to contribute spirit during every game.

Pejman Rashi

After the Annandale opponent heads the ball for an offensive scor Edison goal keeper Jay Kidder comes out of the goal to cut the angle of shot.

A Wild Bunch

Walking down to the practice field for boys soccer you heard the excitement and cheering of the warm-up games. "Zelmo"..."Ox"... "Pig"... No, these weren't crazy nicknames of players on the soccer team, but a game used as a preliminary warm-up to practice. In the game, players got into a circle and juggled a single soccer ball between them. When a member failed to make a good pass, or couldn't control the ball, he received a letter. Depending on the name of the game, the person who first had enough letters to spell out the game lost. He then assumed a bentover position on the goal line and was pelted by soccer balls kicked at him from eighteen yards away by his teammates.

The game was a great tension reliever and warmed the legs and body for stretching. "It's good to have fun, but we were out there for a serious reason... to win it all. There is a space in the gym for a banner!" exclaimed ninth year coach Jim Wild.

The Eagles returned seven players from last season. Led by seniors Steve Bansal, Ralph Aucella, Marvin Ventura, Grant Cottingham, Ross Sparacino, and captains Casimir Yasutis and Reza Marvashti, the varsity squad was a force to be reckoned with. Wild hoped that this would be a good year to end that streak. "Our strength was in our midfield," Wild said. "They could move the ball well and they were well-skilled. Our defense might have lapsed, but that's because they're all new and it will take time."

The junior varsity team was coached by science teacher Ron McCain who stressed fundamental skills and ball control. Sophomore Oscar Vasquez said, "I enjoyed practices as much as games because every day I learned something new and we soon began to play better as a team."

The season was summed up by midfielder/sweeper Casimir Yasutis, team co-captain: "The older team members stuck together and we put it all together." Two vital additions to the team were juniors Elias Joya, sweeper, and Roberth Espinal, striker.

-Reza Marvashti, Steve Bansal and Ralph Aucella

Segall-Majestic

Varsity Front row: Elyas Khawarzad, Jose Portillo, Marvin Ventura, Elias Joya; **Second row:** Jose Reyes, Michael Bekele, David Agranov, Reza Marvashti, Alex Quiroga, Tsegaya Persons, Roberth Espinal; **Third row:** Ramirez, Russell Edwards, Ralph Aucella, Grant Cottingham, Ross Sparacino, Lars Heinel, Casimir Yasutis, Steve Bansal.

Segall-Majestic

Junior Varsity Front row: Jay Kidder; **Second row:** Diego Figueroa, Bobby Kellas, Jimmy Camacho, John Sandoval, Jim Ernst, Timmy Greene, Derek Williams, Sachin Gupta; **Third row:** Mike Mainer, Marcelo Rodas, Oscar Vasquez, Daniel Spear, Jesse Redden, Faisal Choudhary, Omid Karimi, David Casteaneda, Jeremy Peine, Coach Ron McCain.

Pejman Rashidi

Fullback Daniel Spear keeps his eyes focused on his opponent while clearing the ball out of the box.

SCHEDULE

Junior Varsity

Annandale
Jefferson
Centreville
Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee
Jefferson
Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee

Tomi Jami

Reza Marvasht

DeAnn Lance looks to center the ball to a teammate on a fast break. DeAnn's speed and quickness earned her the nickname "the Edison Flash".

"I would rather have an excellent freshman who would help our team than an average senior," said Crystal Ellerman.

SCHEDULE

Varsity

Hylton
Annandale
Jefferson
Centreville
Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee
Jefferson
Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee

Reza Marvashti

As the weather began to warm up seniors Erica Ahdoot and Erica Haubert took out their shades to pose for a picture before their game.

Reza Marvas

Senior Crystal Ellerman successfully keeps the ball in play as she attacks th goal. Later in the game she was credited an assist to teammate DeAn Lance.

Alive and Kicking

The girls' varsity soccer team kicked off the season by winning their opening game against Hylton — a win which boosted their confidence and faith in the team. This gifted group of girls consisted of five freshmen, two sophomores, two juniors, and nine returning seniors. The returning varsity seniors included captains Amy Dievendorf and Erica Ahdoot, along with Crystal Ellerman, Erica Haubert, Kim Downs, Jerri Ross, DeAnn Lance, Michelle Roche, and Kelly Frederick.

The girls hoped to accomplish team unity and to make it past the Gunston District tournament this season. Having underclassmen join the ranks of a varsity sport added to the team's strength. Senior Crystal Ellerman commented,"I would rather have an excellent freshman who would help us on the team than an average senior."

There was not only strength among both the offensive and defensive lineups, there was tactfulness and endurance. With seniors Ahdoot, Ellerman, and Downs working the front line, seniors Ross and Haubert on the defensive end, and junior Missy Cooper protecting the goal, the combination was a strong asset against other teams.

The junior varsity team was at a disavantage from the start. This young team was small in numbers yet large in stature. Their excellent conditioning, however, enabled them to compete with the larger teams from other schools. "Having only three substitutes put my endurance to the test," commented freshman Colleen Lance.

One goal of the j.v. team was to grow together as a team. "As soon as we could work together as a team, we had room for improvement," commented sophomore Ginger Smith.

With the addition of boys lacrosse as a varsity sport, some adjustments had to be made with the schedule of practice fields. Throughout the season, the girls soccer teams practiced at Clermont Park, a half-mile past Edison. Senior varsity tri-captain Amy Dievendorf commented,"I liked practicing at Clermont Park before games because we had an actual size field on which to prepare for the real thing."

-Maggie Morton and Kim Wilson

Segall-Majestic

Varsity Front row: Rachael Calhoun, Amy Dievendorf, Melanie Morris, Missy Cooper, Kelly Frederick, Karla Matney; **Second row:** Stephanie Shaw, Melissa Fissell, Crystal Ellerman, Shannon Anderson, Neele O'Hara, Mady Johnson; **Back row:** Coach Matney, Melissa Lawrence, Michelle Roche, Erica Ahdoot, Erica Haubert, Kim Downs, DeAnn Lance, Coach Paul Tomardy.

Segall-Majestic

Junior Varsity Front row: Keesha Lawrence, Lindsay Moro, Supanee Hutasewee, Jasa Cumberland, Kim Kellmel, Michelle Riche, Jasmine Tyler; **Back row:** Leigh Moro, Colleen Lance, Ginger Smith, Sheri Reeves, Angie Agresto, Melissa Wickert, Coach Matney.

Tommi Jami

Senior tri-captain Erica Ahdoot attempts to take a corner kick at the first home game against Hylton. Erica's strong kick was an advantage to the team when the heat was on.

SCHEDULE

Junior Varsity

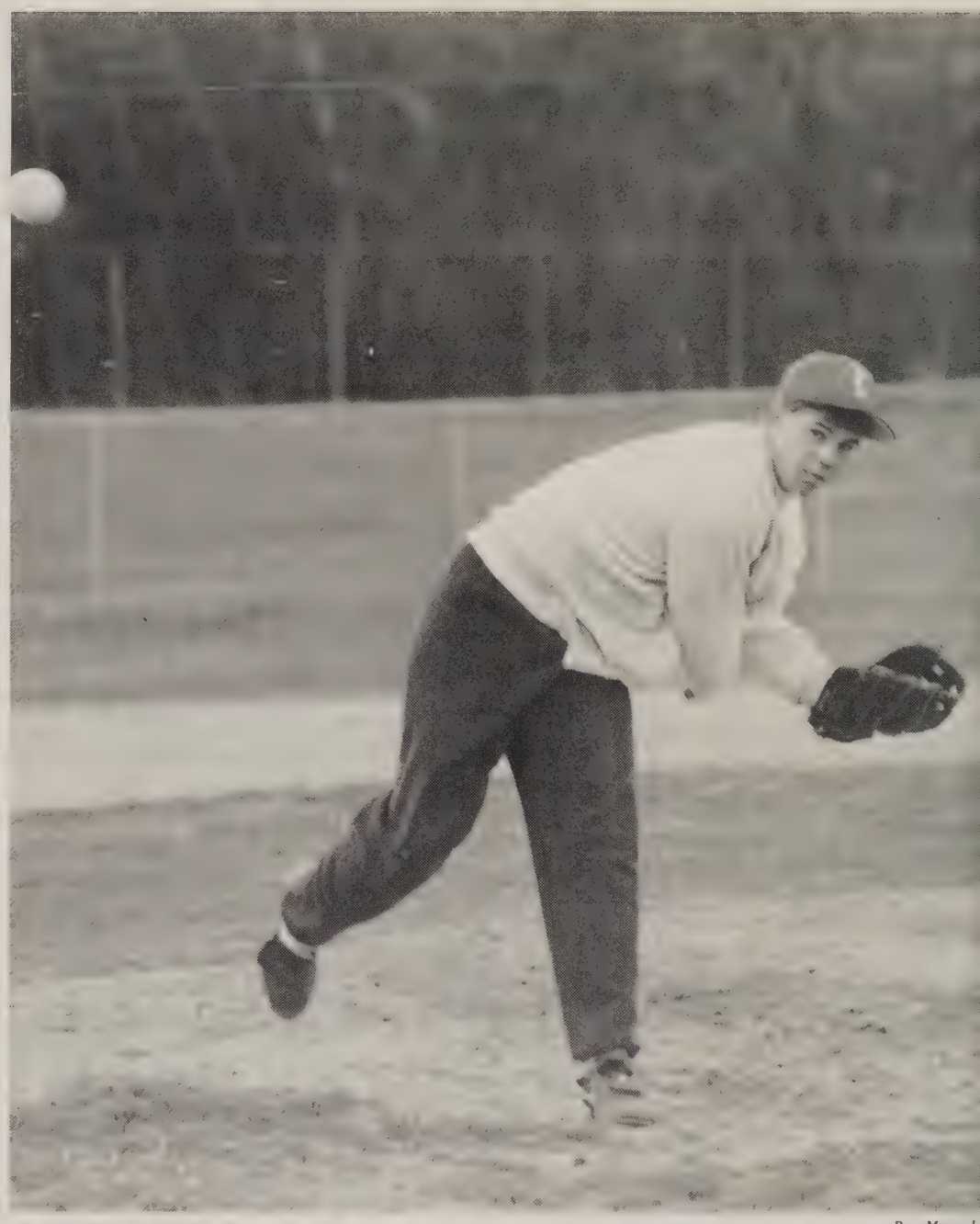
Annandale
Jefferson
Centreville
Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee
Jefferson
Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee

"Dedication, commitment, hard work, and the willingness to learn are all the ingredients necessary to become a member of the team," said assistant coach Steve Palese.

Pitching a high hanging curve ball pitcher/first baseman Damon Kressin watches the ball fly towards its target. Damon was an essential member of the team.

Junior Darrel Hunt makes the play after catching a hard grounder. Darrel contributed to the strong outfield of the varsity team.

Reza Marvashti



Reza Marvashti

SCHEDULE

Varsity

Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee
Jefferson
Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee
Jefferson
Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee
Jefferson

Reza Marvashti

Eying the batter, third baseman Chris Nash is poised to snatch the next grounder that comes his way.

Reza Marvashti

Junior Javier Fuentes practices his gun to home plate during practice. The varsity team practiced long and hard after school, and often after dark, in preparation for the season ahead.

BOYS BASEBALL

"Dinger" of a Season

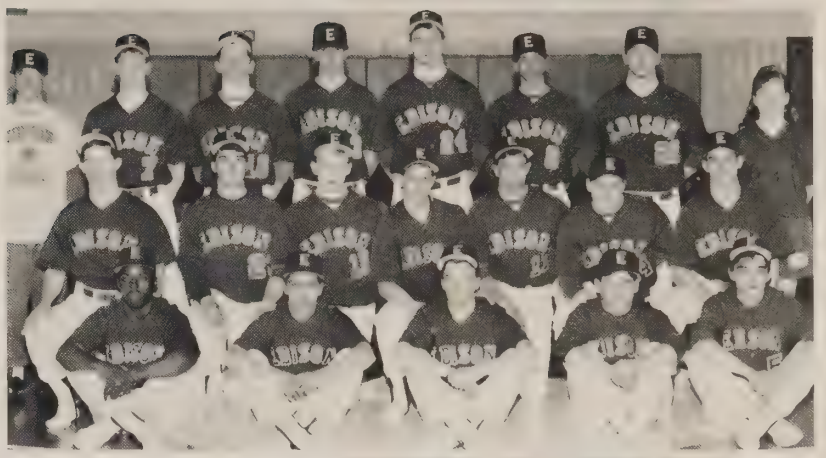
The varsity baseball team began the 1992 spring season hoping to accomplish many goals. Coach Rod Manuel said, "The team was consistent in their overall strengths, but realized what improvements they needed after starting off the season with a scrimmage against Robinson and Marshall. The Eagles won first against Robinson with a sore of 2-0, but unfortunately fell to Marshall, 6-2. Practices were long and intense throughout the season. To further get the feel of a true game situation, practice was often held under the lights."

In preparation for their first game, the team took many steps to build a strong, solid foundation. However, the team was at a disadvantage because the anxiety and anticipation which lasted from the first day of tryouts to the first game made many players impatient. Senior Mike Evans said, "Practicing for over a month without playing a game got boring, and it made you want the season to start so bad. I couldn't wait to play the first game, and by the time it came around I was totally psyched." Other players felt that the long practices were an advantage because they had more time to prepare themselves. According to junior Javier Fuentes, "After not playing for a year, it was helpful to have the extra time to get your rhythm back with the bat and the glove."

The junior varsity team also prepared themselves with long practices, lasting from 3:15 to 6:00 pm. The team consisted of eighteen freshmen and sophomores and one junior. Coach Steven Palese said, "We concentrated on technique, conditioning, and developing the players skills in practice."

This was Palese's first year as baseball coach, though he had four years of coaching experience behind him. Even though it was his first year, Palese was sure of his team and their goals. "Dedication, commitment, and hard work, and the willingness to learn are all the ingredients neccessary to become a member of the team," said Palese. He added, " Our strongest point is our commitment." With their commitment and dedication, the jv squad was definitely headed toward a successful season.

-Amy Hofbauer, Mike Riolo and Erica Ahdoot.



Segall-Majestic

Varsity Front row: Darrell Hunt, Javier Fuentes, Kris Musselman, Chris Nash, Mike Evans; **Second row:** Brian Truesdale, Allan Pich, Bobby Hakenson, Aaron Wells, Damon Kressin, Chris Dunn, Mike Riolo; **Third row:** Manager Hank Miller, Matthew Trudell, Scott Saulnier, Adam Wells, Derrick Payne, Clarence Farmer, Andy Fox, Manager Ann Herring.

Segall-Majestic

Junior Varsity Front row: Tim Campbell, Preston Wray, Doug Middlebrooks; **Second row:** Jeff Moore, Allen Porch, Pat Rowe, Doug Russell, Bobby Alexander; **Back row:** Coach Jim Ledbetter, Doug Schoonmaker, Nik Uhlir, David Moody, Patrick Mock, Alan Christy, Jon Simler, Coach Steve Palese.

Reza Marvashti

Senior Mike Riolo reaches to catch a ball while keeping his foot on the base. Players often had to combine skill with quick thinking in order to succeed.

SCHEDULE

Junior Varsity

West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee
Jefferson
Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee
Jefferson
Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee
Jefferson

"The freshmen really stood out. They were an asset to the team because their pitching and hitting was so strong." - Thuy Cao

Junior Angie Harrison slides into home before being tagged by the Warriors' catcher. Hitting a homerun was the highlight of the game for the pitcher.

With her eye on the ball, sophomore Michelle Roberts is poised to make the play. Underclassmen on the varsity team were a positive addition to the squad.

Daniel Reed

Daniel Ree

SCHEDULE

Varsity

Wakefield
Annandale
Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee
Jefferson
Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee
Jefferson
Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
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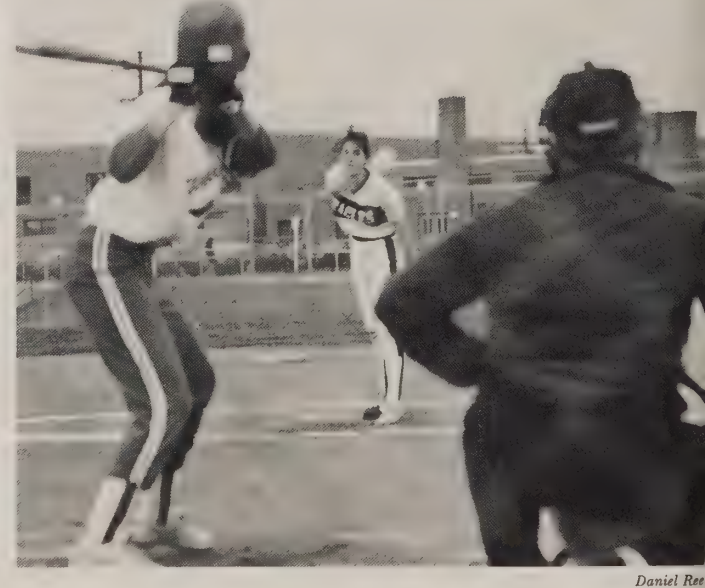
Jefferson

Daniel Reed

Senior Brit Basham awaits the pitch at home plate during the second game of the season. Batting was one of the team's strengths and having a strong offense was vital to the game.



Daniel Ree

Launching a pitch to the waiting Wakefield batter, Angie Harrison start the inning with intensity. Harrison pitched the entire game against Wake field, helping to win by a score of 30-6.

In Full Swing

"You always have to do your best to keep up with everyone else. They're the seniors and you don't know them at the beginning of the season." This was the hardest part of being a freshman on the varsity team, according to senior, four-year varsity softball player Stephanie Watkins. Freshmen Kim Randolph and Leann Shueller made the varsity softball team and proved to be valuable assets. Senior first-baseman Rebecca Rohm said, "It was a building year because we needed pitchers. Kim and Leann gained a lot of experience in this area." Schueller said, "It's hard at first because you don't know the people on your team, but the players on the varsity team did everything they could to make us feel comfortable and to help us get to know them better. I felt that there was a lot of unity on the team."

Despite her uneasiness at the beginning of the season, Schueller made quite an impression on Wakefield High School. She hit three for four times at bat and had a throw out from left field to home where the play was completed by senior catcher Thuy Cao. The Eagles defeated Wakefield, their second opponent of the season, by a score of 30-6. Junior Angie Harrison also managed to thwart the Lady Warriors with her pitching abilities and by scoring a homerun.

In addition to the freshmen on the team, there were six returning varsity players from the 1991 Gunston District championship team. Watkins said that the team goal was to "definitely win Districts." Batting was the strength of the team. Watkins added, "Hitting-wise we had a really good team."

The team opened the season with a 15-11 loss to Potomac High School; unfortunately, three starters were missing from the squad that game. Cao said, "The freshmen stood out. They were an asset to the team because their pitching and hitting was really strong."

-Erica Haubert and Jerri Ross

Segall-Majestic

Varsity Front row: Michelle Sherfey, Stephanie Watkins, Rebecca Rohm; **Second row:** Angela Harrison, Brit Basham, Erin Conway, Michelle Roberts; **Back row:** Angie Lewis, Coach Sudik, Thuy Cao, LeAnn Schueller, Kim Randolph, Hwa Kim, Lindsey Tharp, Coach Andy Blount, PreSharn Stanley.

Segall-Majestic

Junior Varsity Front row: Mamie Jackson, Roni Witol, Laura Freige, Shannon Dewhirst; **Second row:** Dawn Crawford, Dara Roberts, Tatiana Chestnutt, Ellie Carrero, Aspen Lagman; **Back row:** Sandy Mastro, Silvia Chestnutt, Natalie Horowitz, Angie Story, Sarah Tirpak, Ami Algire, Coach Gary Embrey.

Daniel Reed

Allowing the pitch to go by, junior Presharn Stanley listens for the umpire's call, as do her teammates who look on from the dugout.

SCHEDULE

Junior Varsity

West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee
Jefferson
Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee
Jefferson
Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee
Jefferson

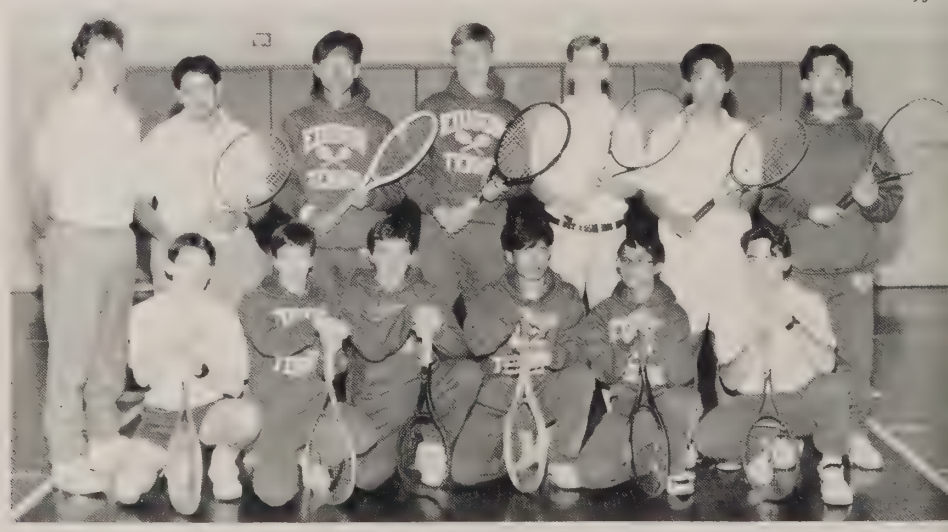
Derrick Tam aces his opponent with an overhead serve. During practices, the new coach, Tim Sedmak, emphasized proper serving technique and coordination.

Junior Houng Quach concentrates on improving his form while getting the most out of his serve. It took a lot of time, hard work, and practice to perfect a winning game serve.

Tommy Jami

Tommy Jam

Front row: Kevin Bouck, Brian Gainer, Lukasz Pinkowski, Jin Yi Yi, Derrick Tam, Chafic Elias Asmar; **Back row:** Coach Tim Sedmak, Richie Balkissoon, Yang-Sup Chung, Lowell Usrey, Chad Foster, Ben Moon, Hung Quach. Missing: Tommi Jami.



Segall-Majesti

Keep it in the Green

BOYS TENNIS

Keep your eye on the ball," "scratch your back," "keep the ball in play," were expressions used by the new tennis coach, Tim Sedmak. With only one returning varsity player, Derrick Tam, the team was challenged to come up with a new line up.

Although there was only one senior, Chafic Asmar, on the varsity squad, youth was not a major weakness. Coach Sedmak explained, "We were a young team, however I felt that the team had a lot of potential to be a good team this year, and a great team in the years to come. We were faced with some tough matches in the conference and I relied on my sophomores and juniors to carry the team."

Due to unavoidable circumstances beyond the school's control, Edison's number one seed was forced to stop playing. This had a chain-reaction effect on the team. This event caused Edison's number two seed to play the number one seed from all the other schools. Ultimately every player ended up playing a higher ranked player from the opposing school.

The coaching philosophy changed drastically from the previous year. Practices consisted of basic fundamental drills and more conditioning. There was also time spent working on doubles play. Practice was even held in the gym on rainy days. More emphasis was put on having a positive attitude than on winning matches.

The tennis team was hard pressed to come up with a winning season, playing tough schools such as West Potomac, Jefferson, and Lee, all of whom had skilled and seasoned players who have played for many years. Nevertheless the team maintained a sense of optimism and perseverance.

Edison's young team will be looking forward to becoming a more experienced team in the future. "Over the two years I've played for Edison, I have noticed improvement in the team's attitude and skill level," said sophomore Binh Mun.

-Lowell Usrey and DeAnn Lance

"We're a young team however I feel that the team has a lot of potential to be a good team this year and a great team in the years to come," said Coach Tim Sedmak.

Tommy Jami

Returning a serve with a forehand Pejman Rashidi shows why he is ranked number one on the team. Being the top seed means that Rashidi has to play the best players from each team.

SCHEDULE

Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee
Jefferson
Hayfield
West Potomac
Mount Vernon
Lee
Jefferson

Running downfield to intercept a pass, senior Ted Hall concentrates on his positioning. In such a fast-paced game, the placement of a player is vital.

With teammate Richie Wolfe by his side, sophomore Richard Meister offers his opinion to Coach Kolson on how the game should be played. Communication was an important ingredient to the success of the team.

Reza Marvashti

Reza Marvash

Front row: Rick Leroy, Sin Chieu Lam, Richard Meister, Jason Webster, Scott Wages, Mike McCloskey; **Second row:** Kevin Dove, Andrew Million, Shawn Smith, Charles Algire, Stan Dalie, Ashley Becker, Brian Cilinski, Mike Ryan; **Third row:** Coach Kolson, William Berry, Rob Wasalaski, Danny Modesitt, Ted Hall, Brad Kosatka, Earl Carpenter, Richie Wolfe, Chris Hotnisky, Head Coach Scott Garretson.

Segall- Majes

LACROSSE

Inexperience Tested

"Offense sells the tickets, but defense wins the games," explained Coach C.J. Kolson. Inspired by these words, the 1992 lacrosse team underwent a major change, improving drastically from its opening season in VHSL competition last spring. Senior Shawn Smith commented, "We were a lot better than last year. Although we lost our opening match in sudden death overtime to Marshall, we showed them that we were for real." Coach Scott Garretson concurred, "We netted three goals by Eric Hathorn, two from Shawn Smith, and one from Andy Million — our best game ever. Even though we lost the season opener 7-6, we caught up with the rest of the competition."

Judging from the team's opening performance, both coaches felt that the laxers were competitive with most, if not all, of their Gunston District opponents. "The team's skill level increased from their first season and the kids began to learn more about the game and how it's played," explained Garretson.

In his second match, senior goalie Jason Webster allowed only 4 goals in forty minutes of play, blocking an aggressive Herndon onslaught. Tenacious plays by Ted Hall, a 25-yard goal by Shawn Smith, and a second goal by freshman midfielder Brian Cilinski kept Edison's hopes alive. However, the team lost the match 4-2 after a messy "mudfight" in the rain.

Team manager Vikkii Nguyen added, "They tried their best by practicing very hard. The coaches were hard on them, but the work paid off." Long practices, hard work, and determined spirits left little doubt that this team had improved its talents.

Garretson was impressed with the leadership of senior co-captains Shawn Smith (attack) and Ted Hall (midfield) and junior co-captains Rob Wasalaski (defense) and Andy Million (midfield). "They did a good job in leading the team," he added.

-Cindy Marasigan and Heather Smith

"Offense sells the tickets but defense wins the games," said assistant coach C.J. Kolson.

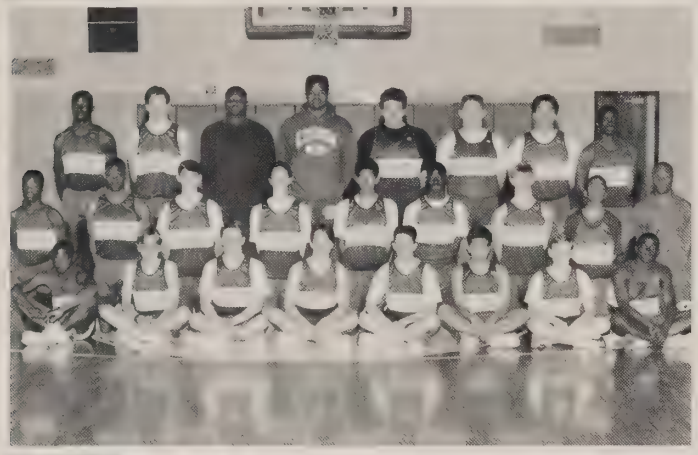
Reza Marvashti

Attackman Charles Algire blocks an offensive player from Bishop McNamara High School. A strong defense was key to Edison's first varsity victory.

SCHEDULE

Marshall
Chantilly
Herndon
Woodbridge
Mount Vernon
West Potomac
Annandale
Hayfield
Jefferson
Woodbridge
Lee

SPRING TRACK



Segall-Majestic

Front row: Dover Majors, Jerome Andrilenas, Alex Jones, Amory Pore, Stelios Zissios, Mario Casale, Eric Tracy, Mike Castleberry; **Second row:** Scottie Tillery, Andrew Butts, Doug West, David Friedlander, Assad Khan, Ozzie Smith, Michael Hendrickson, John Stewart, Cory Williams; **Back row:** Kevin Nelson, Gordon Shaw, Pertrell Burgess, Eugene Mays, Dan Farmer, Larry Reynolds, Jeff Cheng, Kae Mason.

Segall-Majestic

Front row: Trainer Cerissa Mason, Sofia Mejia, Arporn Isaranuwatanakul, Roopa Ayalur, Monica Chase; **Second row:** Coach Christina Ong, Kaci Spriggs, Nipa Patel, Magda Pinkowski, Nicle Misantone, Cathaliya Lanford, Jessica Birt, Thao Tran, Coach Dwonna Goldstone; **Back row:** LaTasha Williams, Elizabeth Scott, Sarah Castleberry, Michelle Washlack, Maggie Wilks, Ashley Jalette, Rosalind Choates, Tamika McCory.

Keepin' On Track

Just like the Energizer bunny, the track team kept on going. . .and going. . .and going. In the past, the track teams have had an excellent record of All-District track champions, however most team members felt that winning a championship wasn't their highest priority. Sophomore David Freidlander explained, "Winning isn't everything. Track is a lot of fun whether you win or lose."

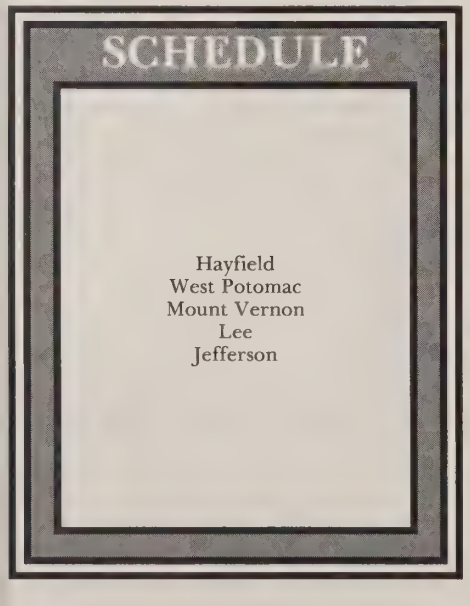
Returning for another season, the spring track team began working hard to get in shape after school in March. Junior Rosalind Choates said, "We worked hard, and it paid off." Tamika McCory, a junior, added, "A lot of people think that track is boring, but I think that it can be a lot of fun, if you work together as a team." Track offered something for everyone, pole-vaulting, running, jumping, or throwing shot put or discus, and therefore it appealed to a wide variety of students.

Track involves a lot of speed, endurance, teamwork, cooperation, and skill. Mr. Cliff Hardison, in his first year as the track team's head coach, commented with enthusiasm, "Dedication to your best effort in practice becomes a key concept in track. How much fun you have depends on how dedicated you are and how much you want to win. It is hard to compare the feeling of being the first to run through the finish line. The self confidence grows and you feel better about yourself even if your reward is merely finishing the race. The sport requires athletes who are able to compete competitively in track and who are in top shape".

Conditioning was an important factor due to the tough competition the team had faced. People don't usually think about injuries because track is not a contact sport. Running injuries, such as pulled muscles or twisted ankles however, can be very dangerous. The athletes needed to take time to strech out all their muscles and warm up carefully.

-Lana Pham

Mr. Cliff Hardison gives the team a pep talk before afternoon practice. Although warm, sunny days beckoned athletes to be lazy, Hardison encouraged them to keep pushing and to keep "on track."



Lana Pham

Lana Pham

Hoping to set another record, senior Eugene Mays concentrates on throwing the discus as far as he can. Active in sports all year 'round, Eugene plans to play football for Virginia Tech in the fall.

Can't Live Without 'Em

I can't imagine going onto the field thout eating my personal box of Ore-a Fries first," claimed senior Jerri ɔss. This superstition began when she ıs a freshman and has been a part of ːr game preparation routine ever ıce. Many other students also had me interesting superstitions when it me to sports and winning.

Softball player, Rebecca Rohm said, don't feel confident in the batter's-ɔx unless I have my lucky rock lodged my cleat." The softball team's success st year has led Rebecca to believe that ːr excellent playing was due to her perstitious lucky rock.

There are superstitions that are uch less obscure. One, for example, is e concept of "lucky" socks. Seniors aniel Reed and Erica Haubert have osen to wear the same socks in every eet or game they competed in. "I al-ıys seem to run faster when I have my me "old" socks on. They give me that ded advantage — luck!" said Daniel ːed.

Love and sports can be combined, cording to Adam Wells. He got pumped up before games by placing a lock of his girlfriend's hair in his shoe. "It gives me a feeling of confidence and security when I'm on the court," said Adam.

Football is a strenuous activity which requires a healthy intake of carbohydrates. Seniors Mike Riolo and Reza Marvashti devour a huge bowl of spaghetti the night before every one of their games. They claim it gives them the energy to compete in such a physical sport. "Without spaghetti, I feel bare, my stomach isn't satisfied. I wouldn't feel safe without my bowl of psghetti!" exclaimed Reza Marvashti.

Superjock Darion Jones always polishes his hightop basketball shoes to get psyched for the big games. "To get rid of the butterflies in my stomach before every game, I polish my shoes to help me relax and play a better game!" said Jones. Darion, only a sophomore, plays two varsity sports and has earned a great deal of respect from the student body.

— Erica Ahdoot

"I can't imagine going out onto the field without eating my personal box of Ore-Ida fries first!" Jerry Ross

Erica Ahdoot

Showing their intensity, seniors Reza Marvashti and Mike Riolo down a bowl of Grandma Riolo's homemade Italian spaghetti. Eating spaghetti on game nights became a superstition for these two varsity superstars.

Erica Ahdoot

Senior Jerri Ross keeps her eyes on the ball after routinely eating her box of Ore-Ida fries. Ross claimed she was able to perform much better after receiving the nourishment from her lucky fries.

Erica Ahdoot

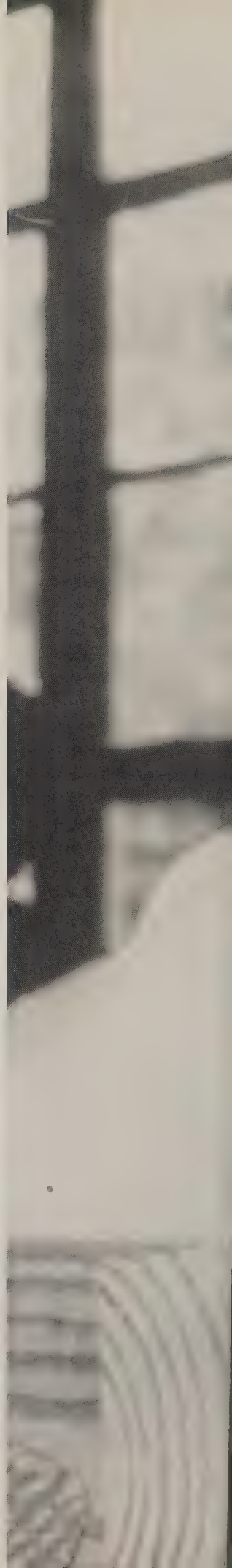
Preparing for her game, senior Erica Haubert goes through her pre-game ritual of putting on her magic socks. Haubert has not played a game in her high school career without these lucky socks.

ACADEMICS

A Change for the Better

Alison Russell
Heather Smith
Academics Editors

We have many things to remember: fun, activities, sports, and friends. However, academics was one of the most important and maybe the toughest part of our daily lives. We worked every day — even after school and on weekends — to make sure our assignments were complete. Staying awake was sometimes hard work — especially when our first classes started promptly at 7:30 a.m. — but we were all in it together. When the homework got us down, we lifted each other up. When being "stressed out" became the norm, we wished for longer weekends. When the year was over, we were glad that we had persevered. National Merit Commended Student Kirk Copple said, "I took all my hard courses during my first three years of high school. Doing well in high school will hopefully prepare me for the rest of my life." Our efforts really made a "change for the better." Although things would never be the same again, we were getting something that would last a lifetime — an education.



Absorbed in her thoughts, Chrissy Blackwell concentrates on a physics exam. Taking tests was one of the biggest challenges of our academic lives and how we performed often determined how we felt about our classes.

Carrie Marshall

Q & A

Q: What was the most unusual English assignment you were ever assigned?

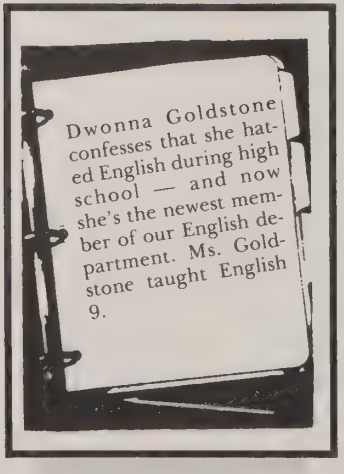
A: "Once a teacher told me to write about nothing." -Rajju Patel

A: "I had to memorize a poem and put actions into it." -Erin Conway

A: "When I had to be the chorus and sing in the play Antigone." -Michelle Stull

A: "When I had to write a essay on what a hero is." -Kimberly Wilson

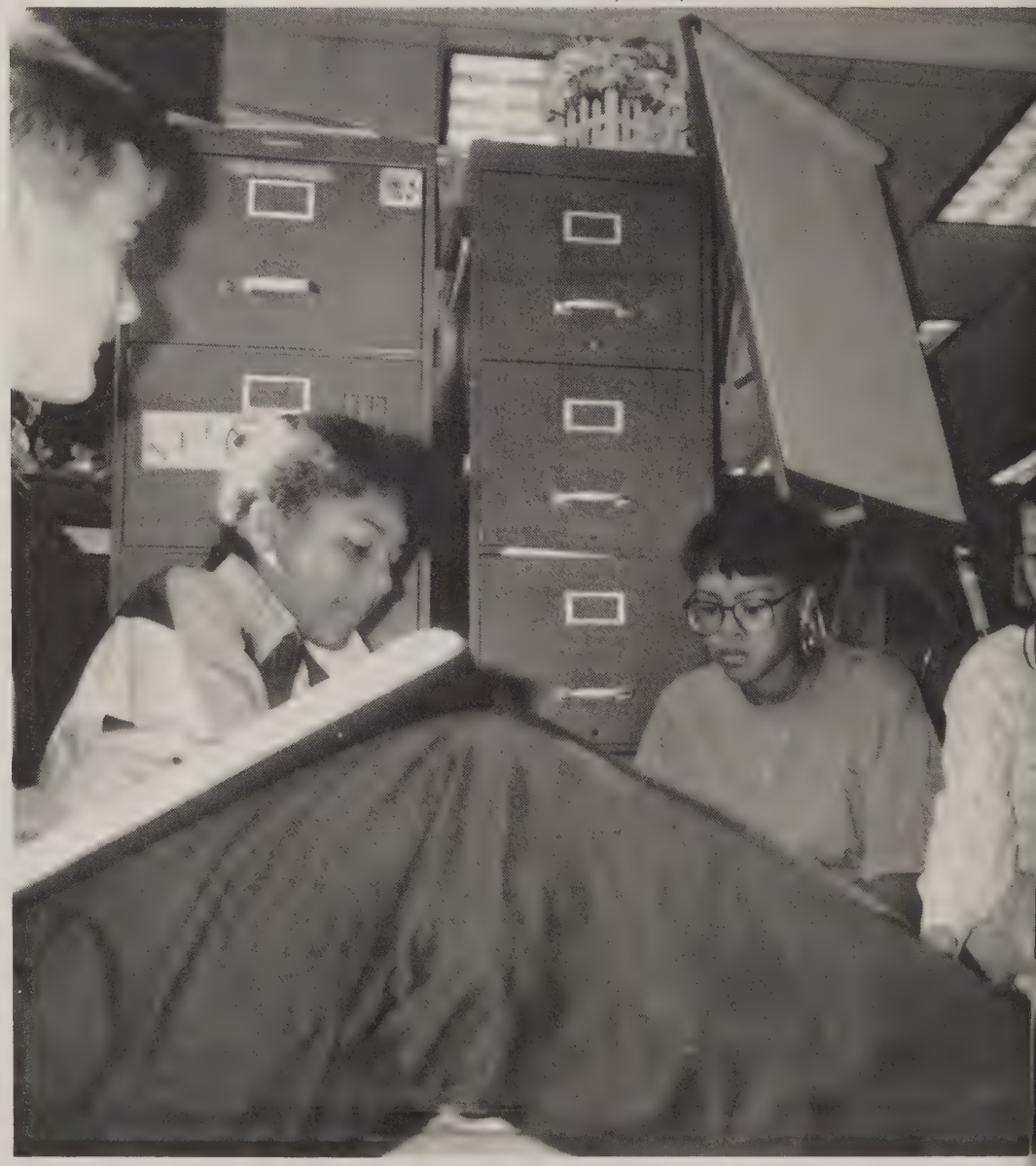
A: "When we resunk the Titanic. We inflated a small rubber raft and half our group was in the raft while the other half was 'drowning'. We had to decide whether to go back to save the victims. I then had my students write a paper about making decisions." -Mrs. Sue Fenn


Dwonna Goldstone confesses that she hated English during high school — and now she's the newest member of our English department. Ms. Goldstone taught English 9.

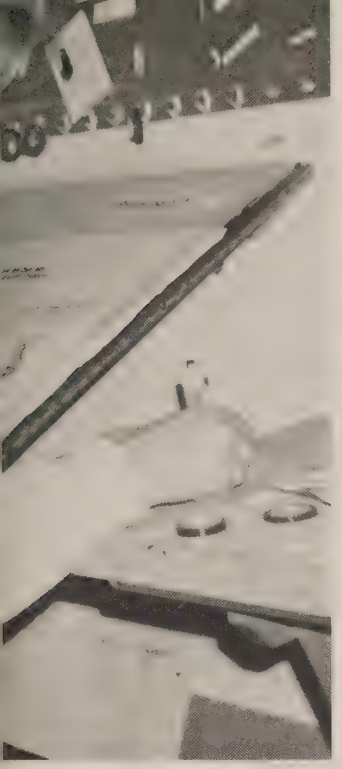
ngrossed in his reading, Lars Heimel, exchange student from Denmark, prepares for a discussion of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible." The Salem witchcraft trials were a lively subject for this English class.

ecky Devers, theme page editor, uses an exacto knife to trim copy for the newspaper. The pressure was on to meet the Current's first deadline on October 14 and distribute during homecoming week.

Crystal Henry



Communication Through Writing



Amy Hofbauer

Carrie Marshall

Express yourself!" You may have heard this phrase before from Madonna or the group Salt-n-Pepa — singers who express themselves through music. The English classes we took for four years of high school taught us how to express ourselves, too.

The diverse curriculum provided a variety of experiences; creative writing enabled students to explore genre. Mrs. Joan Krautheim's goal was that students be "capable of expressing themselves in writing, reading, and oral reports and to comprehend what other people say." The students in her creative writing course supported each other's efforts to produce quality writings. Mrs. Krautheim encouraged novice writers to submit their works for publication and several were proud to publish in the Erudite.

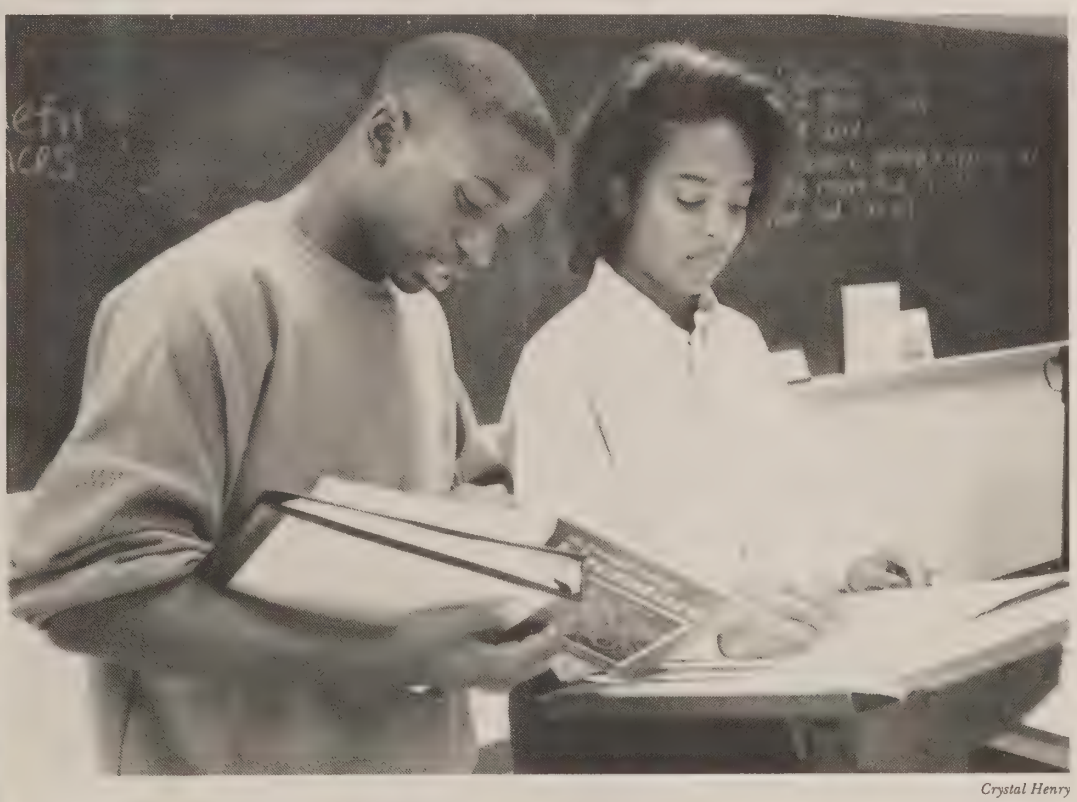
Journalism courses provided the setting for a different kind of writing. The "Current" staff published four newspapers during the year and covered events and issues that were important in our lives. The Talon staff captured the year in pictures and in words.

In American civ and world civ courses, English and history were intertwined into a two-hour block. The students in these courses worked on several projects each semester. Erin Conway commented, "I enjoyed organizing a dialogue for a character from the past and acting it out in world civ."

Even our reading became a source for writing assignments. Book reports, response logs, and essays were the culminating projects of our literature study. We worked in groups to read plays aloud or to put on trials. Trips to the library gave us incentive to continue our reading outside of class and most teachers established an "enrichment reading day."

Ms. Dwona Goldstone tackled writing skills through vocabulary study, adding excitement to her classes by making games out of vocabulary. The exercise reviewed the definitions and spellings of words while "engraving" the words into the students' minds.

-Crystal Henry



Crystal Henry

asa Cumberland leads her classmates in World Civ through reading an article. Greg Midlam, Tara Hopkins, Michelle Wilson and Neele O'Hara assist her by categorizing information onto an overhead.

lthough she admits that she disliked English in high school, Ms. Dwona Goldstone now finds her role as an English teacher rewarding. Sophomore Mike Castleberry comes to her for assistance with his reading.

Physics Gets Sophisticated

Science is a major tool in life because it helps you learn to think," commented Mrs. Beverly Fulton, earth science teacher. Biology teacher John Tillery agreed: "Science is a major tool in life because almost everything has to do with science and technology." Whether enrolled in earth science, biology, chemistry, or physics, students found courses more sophisticated than ever.

With the addition of a new Macintosh Multi-Media Physics Lab, one of only two in the country, students no longer compiled their notes in composition books; instead they stored lab data on computer disks. They could also enter their assignments into a computer network and route them straight to the teachers.

The lab includes a videodisk player, a scanner, a laser printer, and a CD-ROM. Students also had access to software which enabled them to produce spreadsheets and transmit graphs into the computer. Mark Johnston, physics teacher, was pleased with the new equipment. "We are lucky that we were given a total of eleven computers."

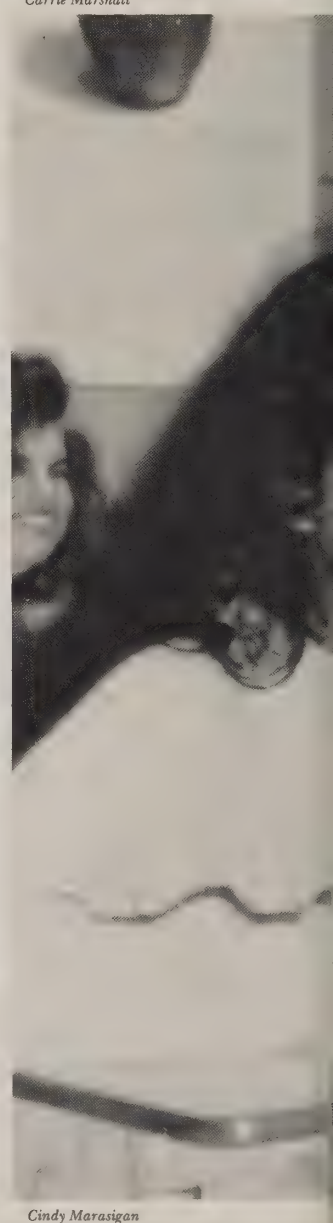
The new lab excited students about science and math. County schools spokeswoman Dolores Bohen said, "Schools around the nation are struggling with ways to improve student performance in those subjects, but I don't think we've had something comparable to this program before." Mr. Johnston, who has been teaching for nine years, added, "I think it's appropriate to the real world. Where else would these kids have access to a computer network?"

Although teachers were happy with the lab, there were students who were not completely thrilled. Senior Ross Sparacino asked, "Who said computers are user friendly?" Ross was frustrated when unable to retrieve part of his lab from his computer disk. On the other hand Michelle Roche, who intends to major in geophysics, hoped the lab would give her the edge over other students entering the county science fair.

-Cindy Marasigan

Carrie Marshall

Ginger Smith



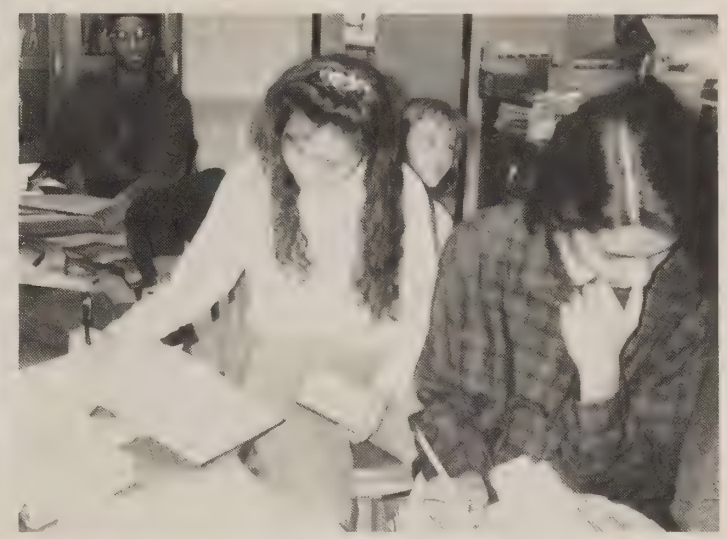
Cindy Marasigan

orking a problem in AP chemistry, Jeanne Lewis calmly and confidently demonstrates her scientific knowledge on the blackboard. AP chemistry involved a background in advanced math as well as science.

uth Tedla and Jasmine Tyler review their notes for a chemistry test on ions. Jasmine exclaimed, "I love chemistry; it's one of my favorite classes. I can't wait to go to college and study it more in depth."

earth science gives students a perspective on a variety of scientific fields from geology to oceanography. Senior Sharon Klinkert sets up an experiment on the permeability of cell membranes during Ms. Christina Ong's earth science class.

dvanced placement chemistry, a tough two-hour course, requires a great amount of study. Shaily Nair concentrates on solving a very difficult equation while Crystal Chrea compiles data for an upcoming project.



Ginger Smith

Q & A

Q: Of all the things that you have done in science classes, what was your favorite activity?

A: "Studying human anatomy." — Nathan Hurto

A: "The construction of a pipe bomb." — John Newman

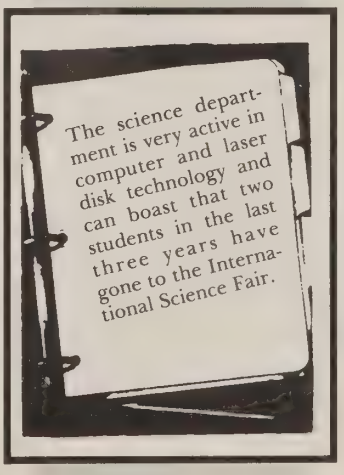
A: "Doing labs. I love everything that has to do with science." — Gordon Shaw

A: "Taking field trips to scientific labs." — Amy Weinhold

A: "The best part of science is being involved in the science fair." - Josh Rose

A: "Going outside to do labs is my favorite." - Alfonso Nguyen

A: "I like experimenting with labs, but I don't like writing them up." - Samantha Schmucker


The science department is very active in computer and laser disk technology and can boast that two students in the last three years have gone to the International Science Fair.

Q & A

Q: How many math problems do you estimate you will do during one year?

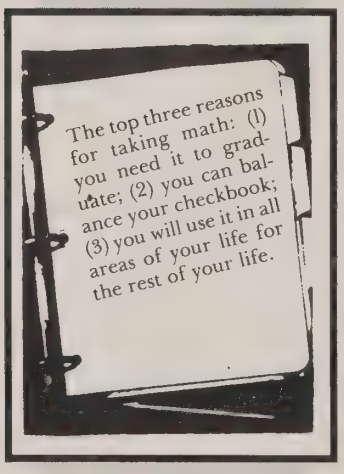
A: "In Algebra II, I will probably do about 3,000 problems."- Jerome Andrilenas

A: "Since we do them daily, I'll estimate we will have done about 8,000 geometry problems by the end of the year." -Elizabeth Scott

A: "I approximate we'll work on 900 problems in pre-calculus." -P.J. Sidhu

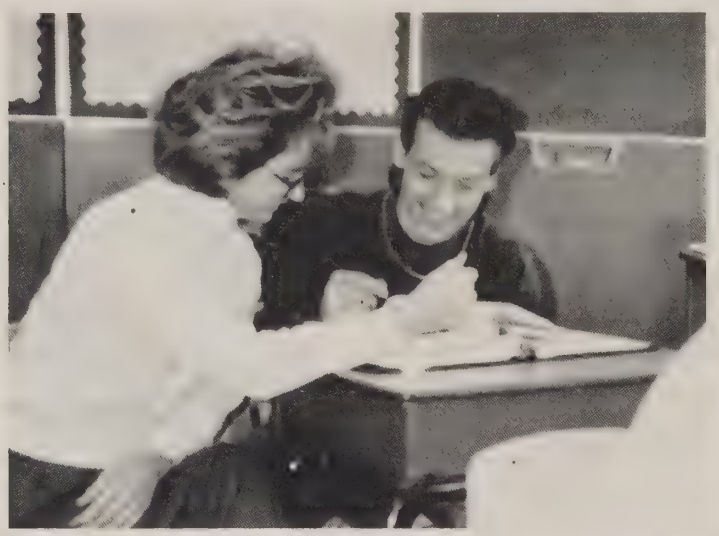
A: "We'll work on approximately 5,400 problems in pre-calculus." - Benton Chrea

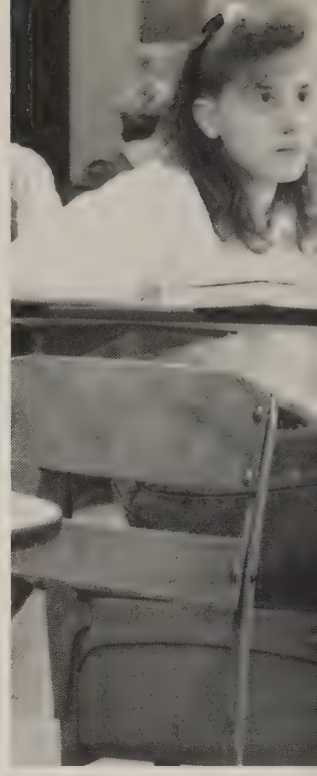
A: "I think we'll do about 7,000 geometry problems based on the amount we do each week." - Maggie Wilks


The top three reasons for taking math: (1) you need it to graduate; (2) you can balance your checkbook; (3) you will use it in all areas of your life for the rest of your life.

eing able to work with a student one-on-one is a definite advantage in a math class," said Kathy Furlong as she assists junior Mike Lewis with a problem. Mike was enrolled in Ms. Furlong's basic skills math course.

istening intently, junior Angela Harrison gets the directions for her evening's homework assignment in geometry. Not only was Mr. Blount Angie's math teacher, but her softball coach as well.





Alison Russell

Facts, Figures, and Formulas

Carrie Marshall

Students gave mixed reactions when asked about math. "It's simple," commented Algebra II student Weylin Pore. "Math is a proven — there isn't a bunch of different techniques for doing the problems." Math was a relatively easy subject for students like Weylin — or complicated suffering for those who found it difficult. "The trig functions make pre-calculus very confusing and sometimes I feel the class progresses too quickly," moaned Christine Prevenslik.

Teachers were frequently the key to making the whole math experience more enjoyable. One of the reasons freshman Samantha Schmucker was fond of her Algebra I class was her teacher, Mr. Mike Bullock. "He was a great teacher," explained Samantha. "He was so funny."

An average day in math class usually meant a night of math homework. Junior Molly Moore typically spent one hour a night on her Algebra II homework. She complained, "I don't like all the theorems and formulas; it seems like for every rule there is an exception and it frustrates me." Allan Pich only spent a half-hour on his algebra homework. "Mr. Bullock explains it all pretty well so I don't have any difficulties. If I do, I just ask him the next day and he clears it up." Another junior, Teresa Scott sometimes had her father help her with her geometry homework. Teresa confessed, however, that it usually took more time when she worked with her dad.

No matter what students thought about their math classes, the ability to manipulate numbers proved an important aspect of everyday life. Students incorporated their math skills in other classes. For example, students in calculus and math analysis found chemistry and physics easier.

The curriculum provided for both advanced and basic study. Since three credits of math were required to meet graduation requirements, most students took Algebra I, geometry, and Algebra II. Students who enjoyed math advanced to pre-calculus and calculus.

-Alison Russell

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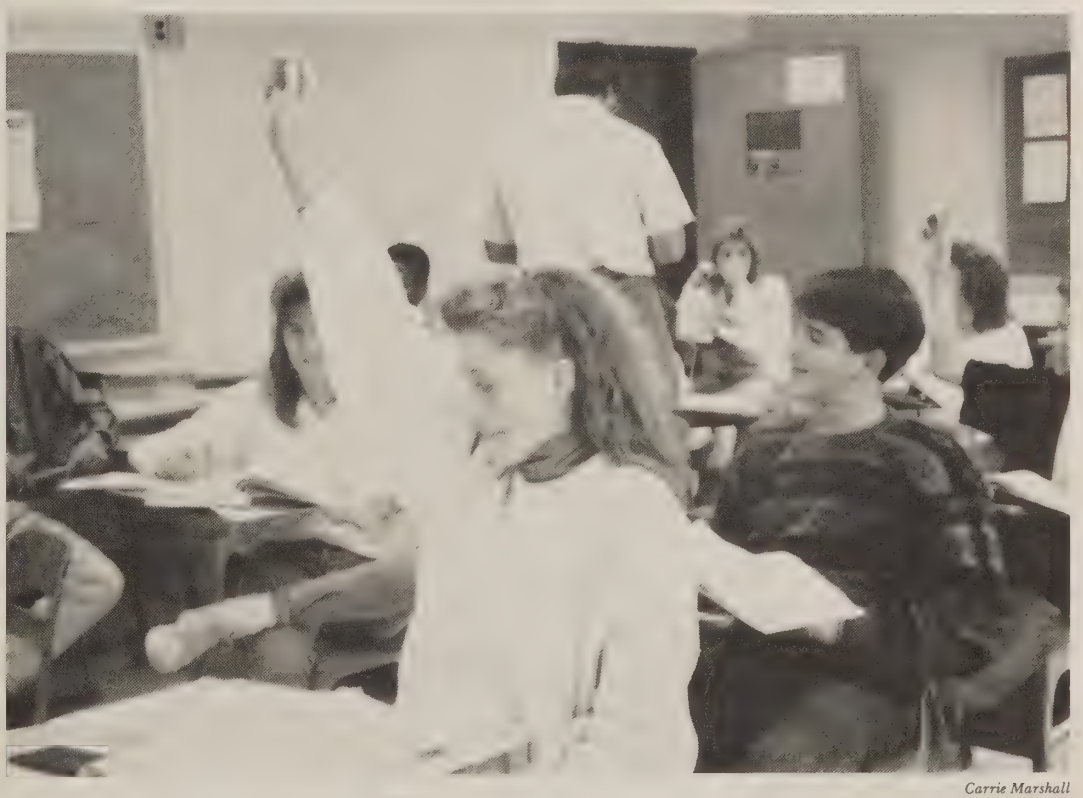


Carrie Marshall

Mrs. Katharine Causby helps students with their math lab assignment. Gretchen Gist, Crystal Smith, and Kate Hadley enjoyed the break from the usual routine of math class when they went to the lab.

Patiently awaiting help from Mr. Blount, Michelle Washlack continues to study the problem that is causing her trouble. Teachers like Mr. Blount were a great asset in furthering the education of students.

A Lesson in the Languages of the World

When you wandered down the sunlit foreign language hall, it was easy to think that you'd been transported to another continent. At each open doorway you heard anything from an "Oh la la!" in Madame Susan Sokoloski's room to an "¡Hola! Como esta?" in Senora Gladys-Cecelia Acosta's. Since most parents could not afford to send their children abroad to learn French, Spanish, or German, many students seized the opportunity for a "free ticket around the world."

Students taking Latin were in for a big surprise when they returned to school. Over the summer, the school administration did not hire a Latin teacher. Finally, the week before students were scheduled to go to Hayfield High School to take their classes, Mrs. Monica Klinglehut became the latest addition to the staff. Mrs. Klinglehut was born in Poland and came here from Nigeria. Brian Benton, a first year Latin student, said, "Latin is one of the most difficult languages to understand, but our new teacher from Europe makes learning easier for all of us."

The biggest change to the curriculum was the combination of advanced classes due to the budget cuts. Seniors Jon Fiencke and Billy Culp were in Frau Gisela Carty's German III/IV class and were unprepared for how strenuous the class was. Of the class, Billy Culp said, "For some people, the class was too hard while for others it lagged behind." Jon supported Billy and added that he often had to work with people who weren't up to his level, but "it was okay." While students were upset that they no longer had the advantage of more individual attention and that the size of their class was larger, they adapted (but not without the normal share of gripes). In the end, however, the students realized that they had achieved a sense of culture and a new ability to communicate in a different language.

-Heather Smith

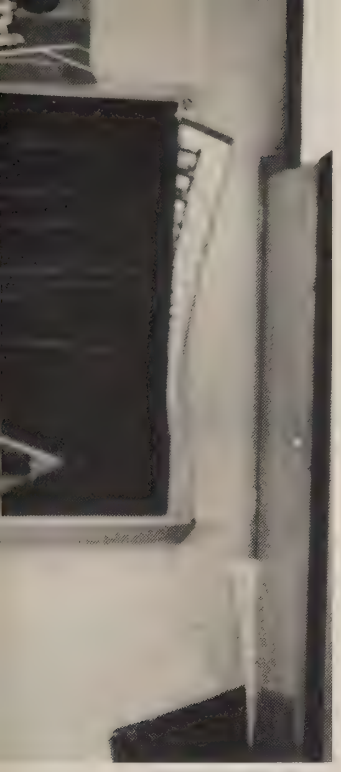
Pejman Rashidi

Pejman Rashidi

Lana Pham

ophomore Kate Paone diligently works on her worksheet in Ms. Acosta's Spanish III class. Other students, such as sophomore Allison Morton, had already finished or put the work off until later.

enior Shawn Smith concentrates intently on translating a paragraph into English during Madame Sokoloski's sixth period French IV/V class. Translations were an essential part of the foreign language curriculum.



eja vu! French teacher Madame Sokoloski also doubles as an English 12 teacher. Dressing as a Norman while reading the epic poem "Beowulf", Madame Sokoloski helps her students learn the themes and setting.

cce Romani is not exactly a best-seller, but for sophomore Danny Eiskant the book takes on new meaning. Latin students enjoyed seeing how the language of today came from the ancient Romans.

Heather Smith

Q & A

Q: What is your favorite foreign food?

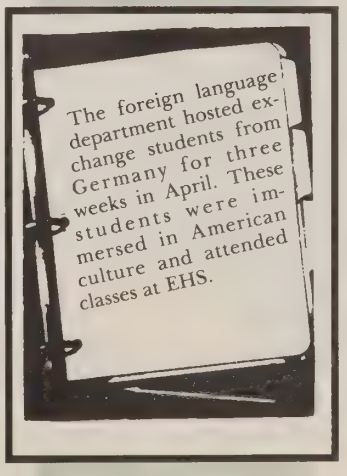
A: "Quesedillas are my favorite because they look different from any other Mexican food and they're easy to eat because they're flat." - Molly Moore

A: "I really like Stouffer's 'Spinach Souffle' — it's not authentic French because we cook it in the microwave — but it's close!" - Jessica Aguilar

A: "Pizza — because of the variety of toppings." -Mike Sheehan

A: "Spaghetti is my favorite foreign food." - Dawn Crawford

A: "I think wiener schnitzel should be served with sauerkraut and knodel. Since I'm originally from Austria, I can't live for long without my native foods." - Pejman Rashidi


The foreign language department hosted exchange students from Germany for three weeks in April. These students were immersed in American culture and attended classes at EHS.

Q & A

Q: What was the hardest part about adjusting to American high school?

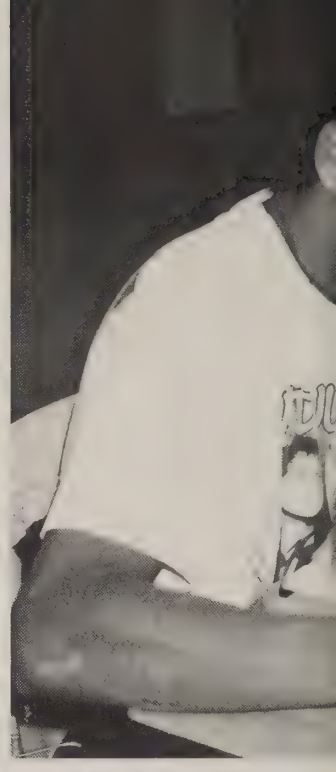
A: "Learning the language when everything was new. I didn't know anything about America." -Jose Morales

A: "Making American friends and learning the language." -Sonia Bonilla

A: "Being with the American people... the sports are different because Americans are sometimes selfish and want to make all the goals." -Jose Amaya

Admiring David Agranov's first-place creation, junior Elias Joya and sophomore Xia To cast their votes in the second annual pumpkin-carving contest. The contest, with a prize of $100 to the winner, was sponsored by the ESL and art departments.

Although it took patience and perseverence, Jose´Portillo painstakingly copies his essay for ESL. Practice writing paragraphs was an essential component of the class.



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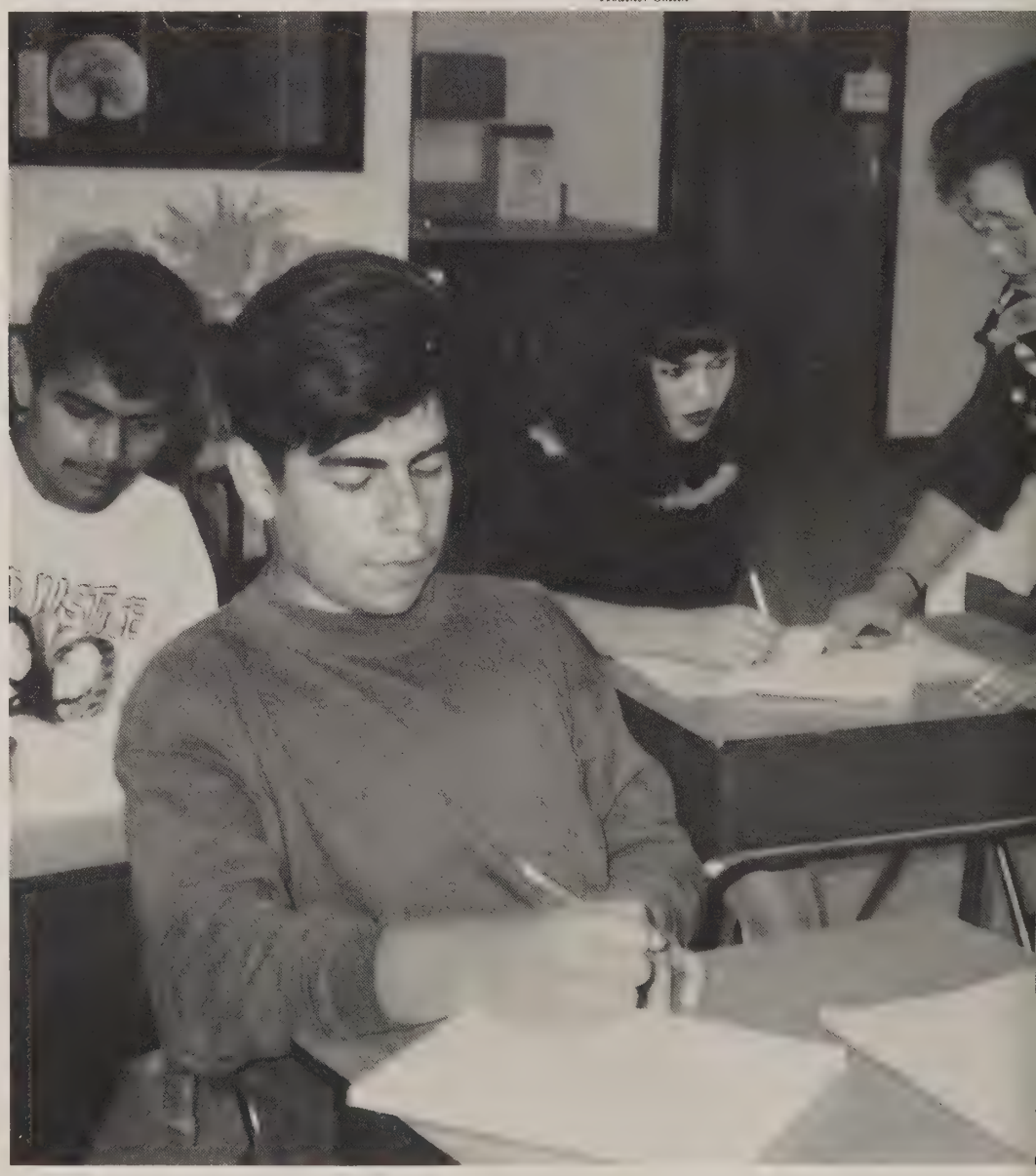

ESL students come from thirty different countries and speak fifteen different languages: Central and South American countries, Vietnam and Korea, Afghanistan and Thailand are just a few of the native countries.

ESL Students Face the Challenge

Heather Smith

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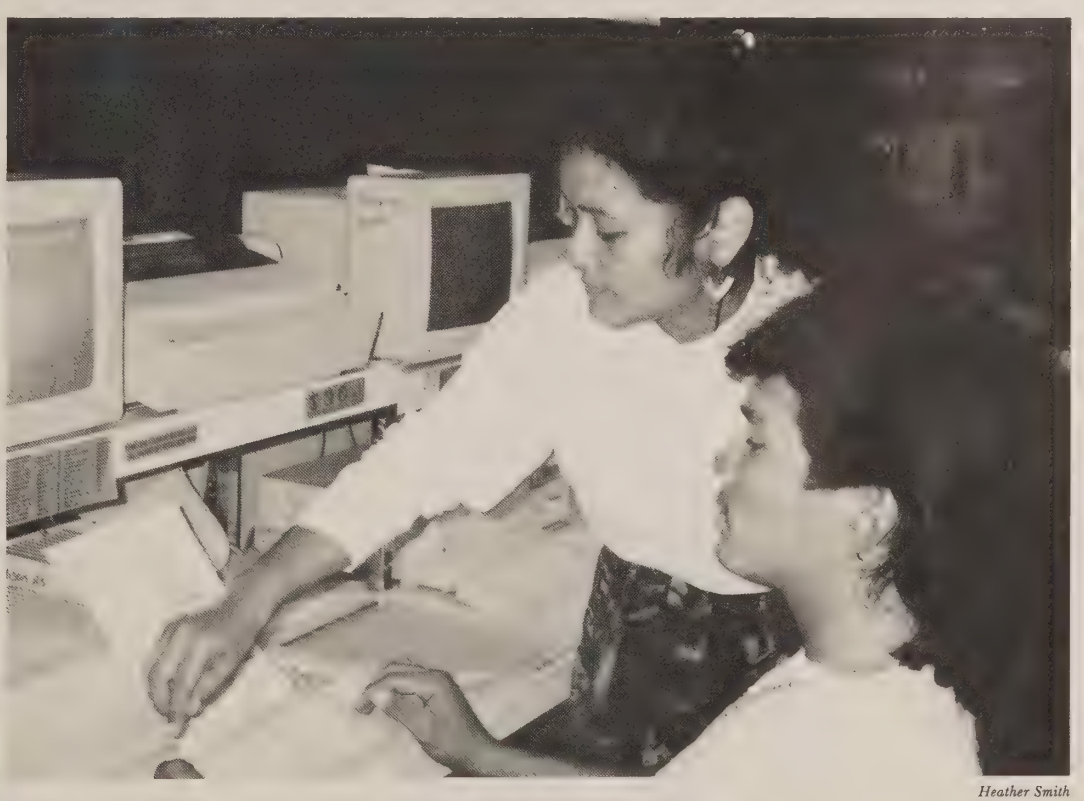
Although the ESL program is one of the most unique programs in the school, few people realize just how diverse the student population is. The largest group of ESL students, speaking Spanish as their first language, come from Central America and South America. There are also a few who come from Brazil, speaking Portuguese. The second largest group are the Vietnamese followed by the group of students from Korea.

These students arrived at Edison with various backgrounds and experiences. Many of them have seen wars and destruction and have families still in their native countries. Most worked at odd jobs after school to help support their families. As a group, the students were hard-working and eager-to-learn, trying to make a transition into a new school and social environment. Dr. Dao Thi Hoi, ESL Chairwoman, said, "These students appreciate the chance for a better future. They give all of us, students, faculty, and staff, a good opportunity to enrich our lives by working with them and learning from them."

There are four levels of classes beginning with instruction for students who speak no English at all. "We try to help the students make the transition from ESL to regular classes by teaching them enough English to participate in a mainstream curriculum," said ESL teacher Georgi Tomisato.

Most ESL students felt optimistic about their academics. José Alfredo, who is in his second year of ESL classes, liked Edison "because there are a lot of different classes a student can take, and many opportunities to learn." Junior Sun Lee, who has lived in the United States for one year, thinks her classes are great but feels that "some people don't like ESL students because they come from another country and don't speak English very well. Sometimes we have trouble making new friends, but we try!"

-Amy Hofbauer



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Composing a paragraph on autumn leaves, Rosman Caballero, Jose Portillo, and Liseth Rogue use a worksheet to help them with their descriptive writing. Dr. Dao Thi Hoi explained Halloween customs and how American children celebrate the holiday.

Working in the computer lab helps me with my writing," says Jose Gonzalez. Mrs. Georgiana Tomisato, ESL teacher, assists Jose with the new Appleworks program implemented this year by the English department.

Social Studies Department Introduces New Course

The social studies department welcomed its newest course, African Studies, and according to chairman Don Majeske, "it appears to have appeal across the board." A pioneer in the area of social studies curriculum, Edison is one of only six high schools in the county to offer this course. Senior Andrew Butts said, "We don't even have a book; they haven't had time to find one yet."

Originally the department hoped to include other ethnic studies in its curriculum. Majeske added, "We considered Latin and Asian histories but we can only be stretched so many ways. African Studies is the point from which we will blossom out." Majeske also hoped that the class would "fill in the holes left by other history courses."

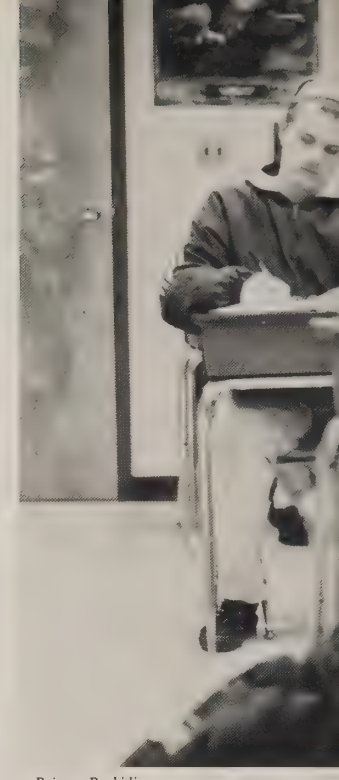
Jonathan Lane, an intern from G.W. University, taught the course. As an eighth and ninth grader, Mr. Lane attended a British school in Swaziland with the children of Bishop Tutu and Nelson Mandela. "The experience made me understand what it was like to be a minority in that country and what life was like for Black African students, many whose parents were in prison because they were fighting for justice inside Africa."

The African Studies course is only one semester long. "There's a lot of information to learn in such a short amount of time," said senior Steve Proud.

The class was an eye-opener for some students who might not have been prepared for it. "I didn't realize how much Africa has affected the United States," said Casimir Yasutis.

The course appealed to students for a variety of reasons. For some it was a quest for cultural enlightenment — for others, a search for heritage. Exchange student, Lars Heimel, commented, "We had an exchange with African students over the summer and I thought it would be interesting to compare this course with what I learned in Denmark." Most agreed that the course was a success and that it should be a permanent offering in future years.

-Erica Haubert



Pejman Rashidi

reshmen Ada Velaquez and Ebony Booker find studying easier when they can spread out on the floor. Ms. Lisa Irizarry put students in pairs to review their notes for a world geography quiz.

onica Jones, April Burton, and Maria Anastasiou present their project about the importation of slaves to America over the course of four centuries. The African history course attracted a variety of students.

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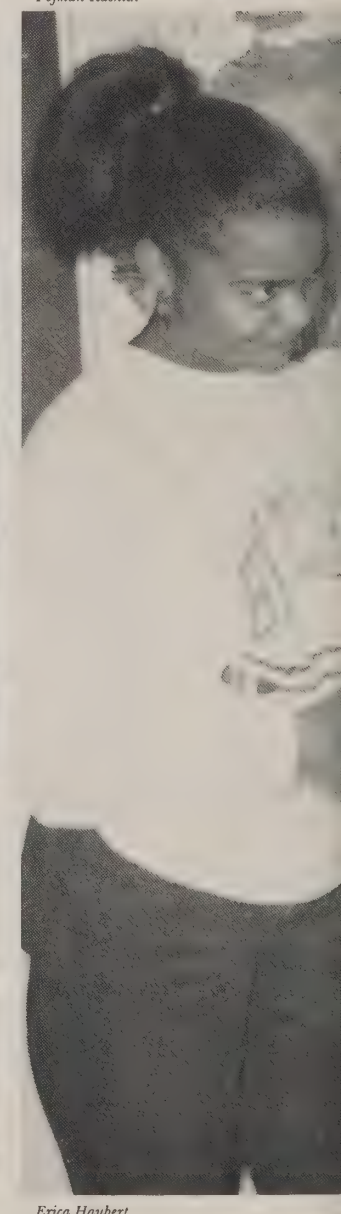

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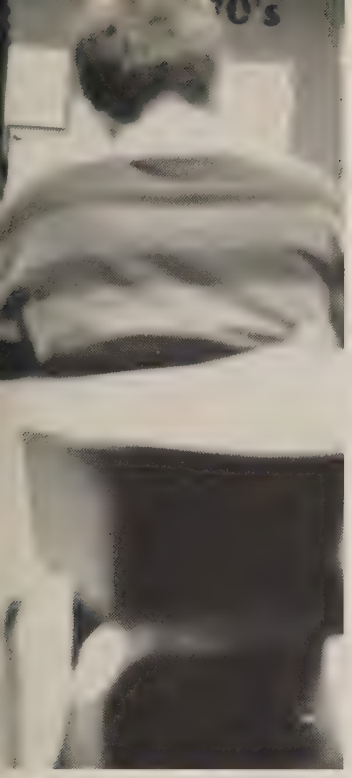


avid Agranov works hard at taking notes in AP American History class. For many juniors the class is their first experience with the demands of an AP course.

ointer in hand, Mr. John Meyers directs his government class's attention to the material on the overhead projector. Clarence Farmer studies the information enlarged on the screen in front of him.

Erica Haubert

Q & A

Q: Does history really repeat itself?

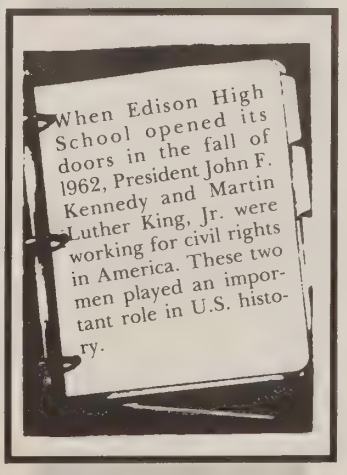
A: "History only repeats itself when you don't learn from your mistakes." - Heather Rayfield

A: "Yes, it does. If it didn't, we would have learned to avoid wars a long time ago." -Kelly Frederick

A: "Maybe history doesn't repeat itself exactly, but in some ways it does — after all, two presidents who worked for civil rights were assassinated." - Kelly Tray

A: "Yeah, history repeats itself. If it didn't we wouldn't keep making the same mistakes." - Shawn Smith

A: "History does repeat itself. Look at the fashion trends, for instance. We're definitely back to the sixties." -Jerri Ross


When Edison High School opened its doors in the fall of 1962, President John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. were working for civil rights in America. These two men played an important role in U.S. history.

Q & A

Q: How do your business classes differ from your other classes?

A: "It's not really much different. It's just another class that will prepare me for the future, plus give me a credit." - Scooter Noone

A: "In business law, we're looking at life from a legal point of view and not from the same perspective that we've had over the past twelve years of school." - Erica Ahdoot

A: "My real estate class gives me direct job-planning because I can take the test to become a licensed realtor in Virginia at the end of the course." - LaShuna Griffith

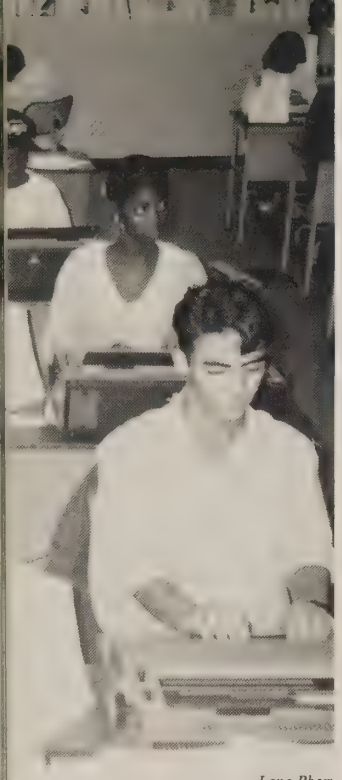
A: "I don't know where I'll use my French, or my math, or my chemistry, but I do know I'll use my business classes in life." -Mike Bekele

enior Jerry Brumbaugh types away at his computer terminal. "Hopefully keyboarding will help me prepare for a future in the business world," Jerry said.

nwar Bowman, Jeff Asmar, Ria Baynes, Marcus Bea, and Nikki Deswarte have their fingers poised and ready for a typing test. Many students found that speed is the key in Mrs. Marsha Blessing's typing class.

Lana Pham

The average American student spends approximately 14,580 hours in school from kindergarten until graduation. Business courses provide valuable career opportunities.



Lana Pham

Will You Be Prepared?

Does the idea of earning money while earning credits at the same time appeal to you? For those enrolled in the office/ cooperative education program the day ended after fifth or sixth period and it was off to work. The business department offered this office education (COE) program for students who wanted work experience and high school credits simultaneously.

To earn two credits, students worked for 270 hours a semester in addition to attending class. If they worked 540 hours a semester, they earned three credits. Students, however, could attend a full day of school and still receive credit for the hours they worked as well — if they became affiliated with the business department.

Senior LaShuna Griffith supported the program. "It's really cool and it will help prepare me for the future." Another senior, Jeff Compton added, "There aren't enough hours in my day for school and work, but this program helps me put it all together." Felicia Hyden, a senior in the co-op program, enjoyed the work-related field trips. "Every time the real estate class goes on a field trip, I get a bonus," she explained. Felicia worked in the office of The Cavendish-Arlington condominiums.

When was the last time you saw one of your friends on the pages of the Spiegle catalogue or modeling fashions in "Seventeen?" Probably not recently. However, you could find your friends in the pages of the catalogue put out in November by the fashion merchandising class.

The idea for the publication originated with teacher Cheryl Lawrence during the 1990-91 school year, but actual production didn't begin until September. Editor-in-chief of the catalogue, senior Carrie King, said that the catalogue "interests people because it pictures our friends dressed in the latest fashions. Seniors are especially interested in the prom fashions." Carrie served on the Nordstrom's Fashion Board.

-Erica Haubert

Kristen Leedom

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Seniors Carrie King and Mari Torres flip through the pages of current fashion magazines searching for clothes ideas and trends. The fashion merchandising class held a fashion show on December 11.

Fashion merchandising experts Christina Turpin, Katie Bergo, Kim Downs, Carrie King, Mari Torres, Crystal Smith, and Tammy Winegar collect fashion ideas together. King said, "Working in groups helps a lot — you can really get your ideas moving."

Preparation For The Future

Vocational education offered hands-on experience and training which could be turned into marketable skills and career opportunites. One vocational education program which can lead to a promising career is cosmetology. This was the only class in Fairfax County in which students worked on real clients instead of mannequins. The students learned the basics then advanced to perms, cuts, manicures, and waxing.

Not all vocational students took these classes to go into that particular employment when they got out of highschool. Mrs. Shirley Crabtree commented, "A lot take a class for job skills to help get through college." Other teachers said that some students take these courses to have optional career choices.

VICA, The Vocational/Industrial Clubs of America, was a large part of the vocational program. Most all vocational teachers found it essential for students to be part of VICA. Mr. Mel Cowan explained, "VICA gives students leadership skills which they will need to get to the top in the future."

Veterinarian aide was another class that gave experience for career opportunites. The students learned about many species of the animal kingdom and for a small fee bathed and groomed dogs and cats that local residents brought in. "The class was not only educational but fun," said Crystal Henry. The purpose of the class was "to give students knowledge and skills for an entry-level job such as a veterinarian," commented Ms. Janice Creneti, the instructor.

The vocational wing had several other courses to offer students who worked well with their hands. The carpentry class, taught by Mr. Mark Newcomb, worked continuously all year, building houses and sheds. After completion, these buildings were torn down. Students in auto mechanics worked on engines, brakes, and tires, and all students were required to learn the inside features of a car.

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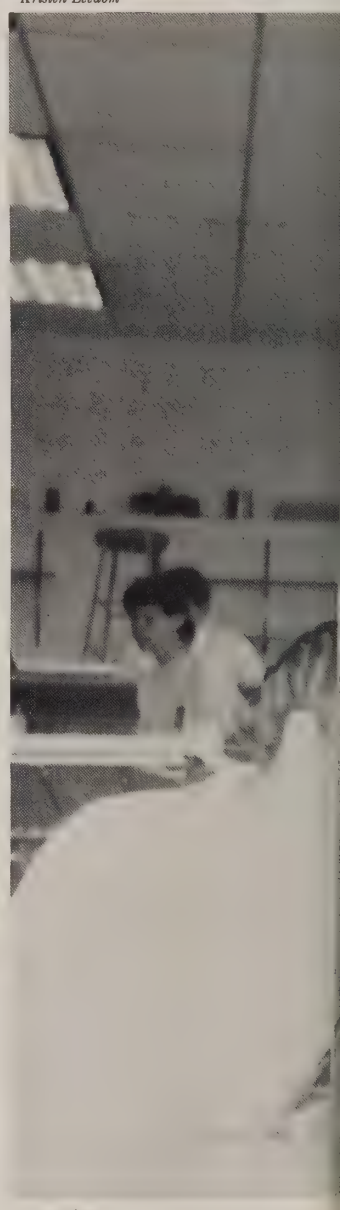

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roviding grooming services for the pets of local residents is one of the goals of the veterinarian aide program. Melody Hardin and Carrie Edson comb out the tangles in BJ's coat.

rish Fix, Johnny Barrera, Zeldon McQueen, and Jack Friend work together on a drafting project. This popular course involves the use of math science and physics as well as drafting skills.

Jason Ruffner demonstrates his skill and precision with a power saw. Carpentry students had to exercise extreme caution when operating equipment — goggles were a must at all times!

Using his printing expertise, junior Kim Jenkins checks for flaws in his negative. The negative was then stripped and made into a plate which in turn was used for printing.

Kristen Leedom

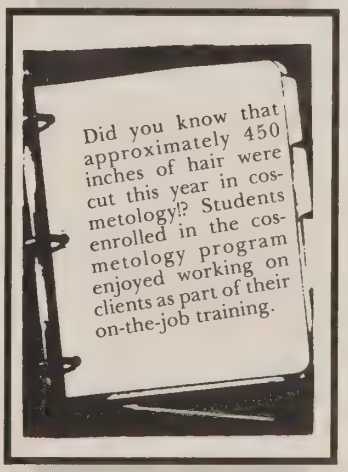
Q & A

Q: What vocational skills will you carry on to your future employment?

A: "The skills of animal care which I learned in the vet aid program were very useful in my part-time job at Alexandria Animal Hospital. They will also help in reaching my goal to pursue a job in animal care." -Dara Roberts

A: "We learned how to analyze problems and to come up with solutions to solve them. We tested solutions using physical or mathematical models to determine whether they were viable solutions. We also learned how to break into Coke machines." -Chris Holm

A: "In the machine shop we get training that helps us in all technical areas. It can help us get jobs in machine shops with knowledge that would take a lot of time getting elsewhere." -Jason Beaulieu


Did you know that approximately 450 inches of hair were cut this year in cosmetology? Students enrolled in the cosmetology program enjoyed working on clients as part of their on-the-job training.

Q & A

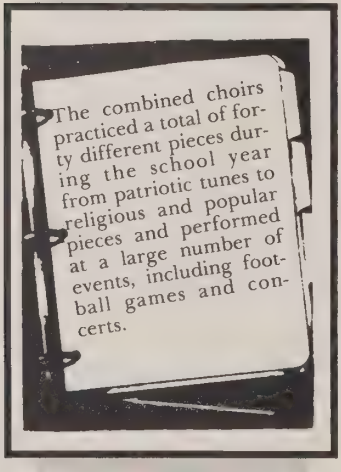
Q: Why do you think fine arts is an important curriculum in high school?

A: "It makes me a better person." - Heather Lynch

A: "It gives students the opportunity to become well-rounded and culturally diverse." -Niki Rhoads

A: "Drama teaches confidence in oneself and in ones work. Sometimes the work is hard and other times it is easy, but when the end result gets applause, you always feel good about yourself." - Luke Duddridge

A: "Chorus gives students a refreshing break from their vigorous academic courses." -Melissa Anderson


The combined choirs practiced a total of forty different pieces during the school year from patriotic tunes to religious and popular pieces and performed at a large number of events, including football games and concerts.

inging along with a musical tune, freshman Jill Donahue practices adding motions to words. As a first-year drama student, Jill gained confidence when speaking in front of an audience.

unior Desaree Riley and senior Jo Maillet rehearse a musical selection in chorus. Jo was selected to sing with the District Chorus. She was also active in drama department productions.

Ginger Smith

Fine Arts Fosters Creativity

Ginger Smith

To combat the drudgery of a long day of homework-laden coursework, a growing number of talented students signed up for classes which gave them a chance to be creative. Musicians found that chorus and band gave them an opportunity to unwind — to relax with music they enjoyed. Students enrolled in drama courses transported themselves to other worlds where they could escape the problems of the present. Art students dabbled in paints and clay, finding that a messy project could end up in a beautiful finished product.

The music department displayed its dedication and spirit while performing during the halftime shows at football games. The band practiced two to three days a week, rain or shine, to prepare a program which would demonstrate skills learned both in and outside of the classroom. The chorus, under the direction of Mrs. April Labanowski, also performed at several football games.

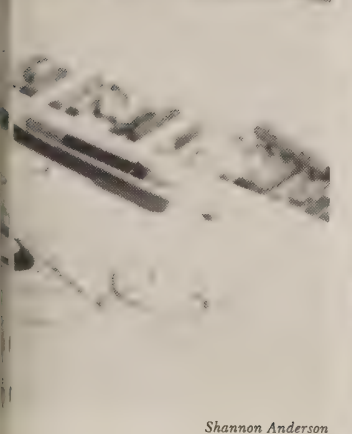
District Choir auditions occurred on October 22. Erin Klanderman, who represented Edison in the soprano section, explained, "Going to District was a good way to meet people from all over and to develop singing skills. I also earned additional points for my letter."

Art classes, under the instruction of Wayne Wilson, completed projects in a variety of media from sculpture to watercolors. Posters made in art class advertised the annual pumpkin-carving contest and backdrops for drama productions showed off the talents of our student artisans. Amber Perkins explained why she enrolled in art: "Art is fun. It is a way of self-expression — you can learn a lot about a person through art."

Drama students also found that their fine arts curriculum gave them an outlet for self-expression. Rusty Clauss encouraged her students to explore a wide range of dramatic repertoire: one-acts, comedy, Shakespearean tragedy, monologues and improvs.

-Ginger Smith & Heather Smith

rt student, freshman Stephanie Collins puts the finishing touches on her poster advertising the annual Halloween pumpkin-carving contest.



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horal director, April Labanowski, teaches her students musical skills they'll always be able to use. Successful performances by her students were a result of many hours of practice.

eginning band student, freshman Raymond Gamble, patiently practices his baritone. The band program increased in size and quality this year and won awards at several competitions including the annual Washington Post competiton in September.

Gym Students Hyped About Dressing-Out

lattering uniforms? Do they exist?" asked p.e. students who resisted the requirement to "dress out" each day for class. "Dressing out is a pain, but the activities are fun," explained Jacob Weiner. The majority of students agreed with Jacob and looked at gym class as a way to relax or relieve stress, despite the fact that they were supposed to dress out.

"Physical education is kind of boring sometimes, but it offers a way to relax if you're playing a sport you like," said Becky Morrison. "Gym class gives you a chance to let out some energy after sitting in classes all day," added Shannon Anderson. In addition, students tested their strength and flexibility through the Presidential Physical Fitness Tests. These tests helped students to realize their potential ability and taught them to strive for a set goal. "The tests are a good way to stay in shape and see how athletic you are," commented Eugene Mays.

Some upperclassmen were thankful that they didn't have to take gym anymore. "I'm out! It's done, and that's that!" proclaimed Jeff Fisher. However, those who enjoyed p.e. were still able to enroll in the class as an elective. Advanced p.e. and weightlifting were popular options for juniors and seniors, despite the fact that they had filled their graduation requirements for physical education.

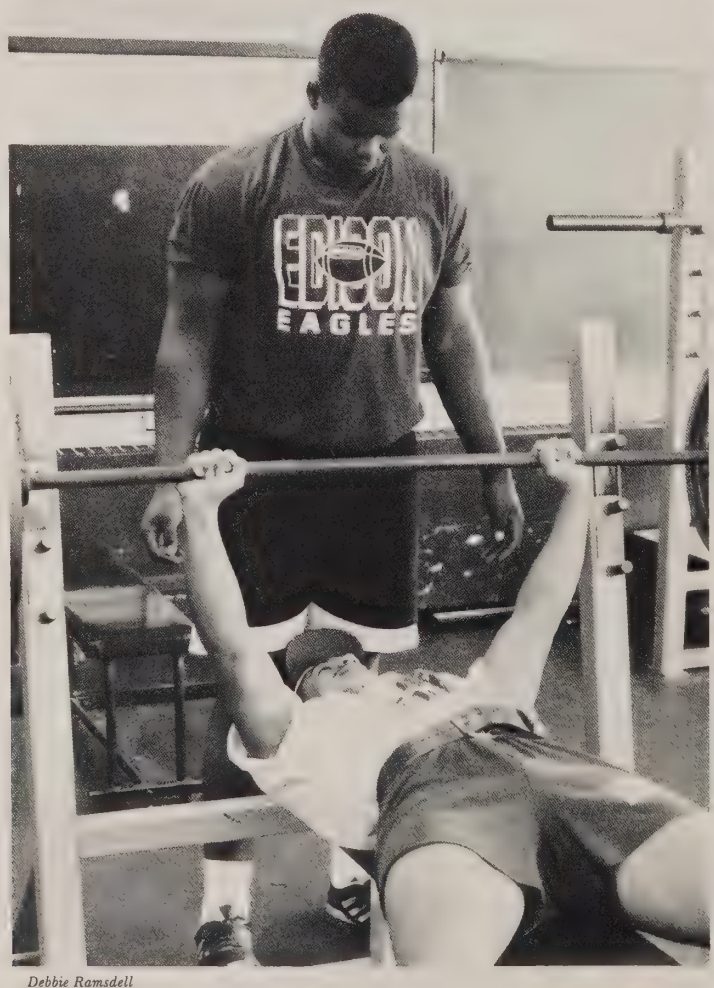
Although most sophomores enjoyed p.e.class, they were anxious to take drivers' education and get out on the road. Some were upset about the budget cuts interfering with the driver's education schedule. "I think they should offer drivers' ed every period during second and third quarter because when you turn sixteen you want your license on your birthday," said Alison Morton. Another sophomore, Kate Paone added, "I think it's really unfair that the drivers' ed program was changed this year. They should at least offer it during second quarter in more than one period."

-Lowell Usrey

Reza Marvashti

t's cold out here! When can we go back inside?" Although they appear to be planning their next attack, these freshmen are really huddling to keep warm. The chillier days of late autumn did not deter their p.e. teacher from taking them outside on sunny days.

ugene Mays helps spot Mike Solis as he warms up with a "light set" of 300 pounds. Weightlifting students took advantage of the opportunity to work out during school.



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Demonstrating his forehand technique, Marcus Bea waits for his opponent's ball to clear the net. P.E. students participated in a wide variety of sports throughout the year.

Freshman Joe Smith begins his mandatory push-ups before gym class gets underway. Angela Burneko finished her warm-ups and rests before moving on to a game of volleyball.

Reza Marvashti

Q & A

Q: What do you like / dislike most about taking p.e.?

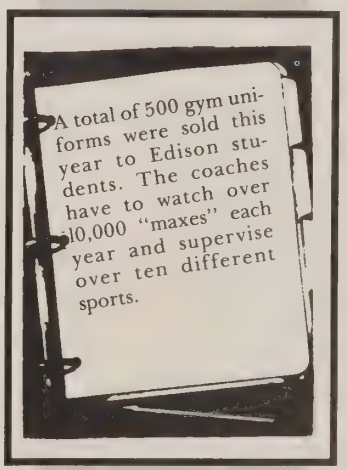
A: "The fact that you are going to be all sweaty and smelly for the rest of the day. Besides, the uniforms are ugly!" -Pejman Rashidi

A: "I didn't enjoy running the mile or playing tennis in 90-degree weather. Everyone always hoped they would get p.e. for the last period of the day." -Amy Hofbauer

A: "Weightlifting gives you a chance to compete against yourself." -Ted Hall

A: "It's bad when you have gym first period because you've rushed to get dressed and then you don't have time to fix yourself up for the rest of the schoolday." -Ginger Smith

A: "The length of the physical education trousers were quite revealing when one sat down in squad formation." -Steve Bansal


A total of 500 gym uniforms were sold this year to Edison students. The coaches have to watch over 10,000 "maxes" each year and supervise over ten different sports.

ORGANIZATIONS

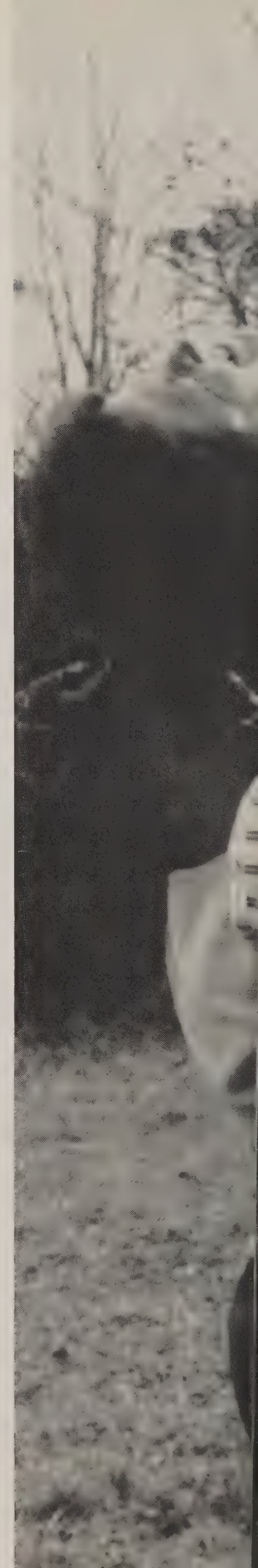
Making A Change

Carrie Marshall
Heather Martin
Organizations Editors

Many people assumed that as soon as the last bell rang at 2:20 all students cleared the halls; however, many students hung around to participate in the numerous activities offered. The business clubs were very popular; membership in clubs like FBLA, DECA, and VICA not only looked good on college applications, they also taught valuable lessons for the real world.

Service clubs gave students the opportunity to make a difference, not only in the community they served, but in themselves as well. SGA members collected toys for needy children and the Keyettes held their annual bloodmobile. One component of membership in the National Honor Society was community service. Youth-to-Youth members educated younger children about the long-lasting effects of drugs, and SADD members donated their time to help in the prevention of drunk driving in their community.

Whether marching band, German Honor Society, newspaper, or Youth-to-Youth, each club worked toward making a change.



Participating in the "trust lift" activity, a nervous Mrs. Cheryl Knutsen and members of the student leadership class experience teamwork as they demonstrate how cooperation can build trust and confidence. Leadership training at Camp Hemlock is beneficial to leaders of student government and other school organizations.

Student Leaders Serve as Middlemen

Taking Care of Business

The SGA and SAC provided ways for the general student body to communicate their feelings to administrators. Both of these programs provided a different outlet, one that was school-wide and one that was county-wide.

The Student Government Association provided students with the opportunity to develop leadership skills, implement new policies, and revise old policies. "Student government is a great vehicle for the student body to voice their ideas and make changes that will have a positive outcome," said faculty advisor, Lisa Irizarry.

Henry Mlodozeniec, SGA president commented, "Many people don't realize how important student government is, but luckily we have some good people that shoulder more work than they have to. Student government is about serving the student body, and the more input we get, the better it becomes."

Elected members of the Student Advisory Council acted as go-betweens for the student body and the Area I Advisory Council. The SAC representatives attended meetings about once every month with the advisory council and other SAC members within Area I in Fairfax County. Mrs. Irizarry stated that, "In order for the county to realize which issues have more relevance, the county has developed the Student Advisory Council."

"The Area I SAC has helped bring Edison closer to other area schools. Together we have brought many student concerns to the School Board." -Niki Rhoads

Both SAC and SGA members were given the opportunity to go to leadership camps during the summer. In addition, student leaders spent a day at Camp Hemlock facing the challenges of the "peanut butter pit" and the "zipwire." Senior Kim Wilson commented, "Helmlock was a great way to build trust among friends and acquaintances. It was comforting to know that we were 'all for one and one for all' during our exercises." These camps helped to develop fundamentals in leadership that the students needed to know in order to do their jobs effectively.

-Lowell Usrey

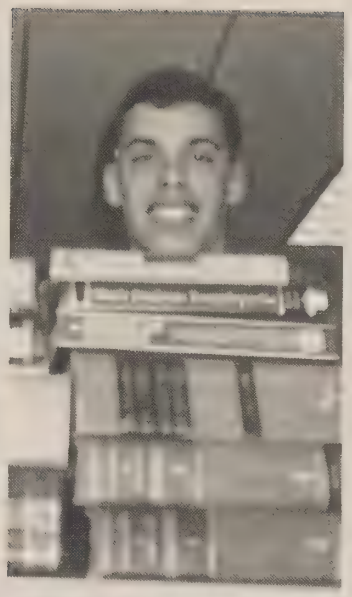
Mike Victoria hangs on as fellow leadership members Kelly Frederick and Maggie Eldak offer a safe place to land.

Student Government Association

Front row: *Rachel Calhoun, Sarah Greene, Sara Crampton, Natalie Horowitz;* **Second row:** *Kate Paone, Allison Morton, Kim Kellmel, Holly Williams;* **Third row:** *Benton Chrea, Lars Heindel, Rosalind Choates, Elyas Kharwazad, Ashley Becker, Janet Ramsey, Crystal Smith;* **Back row:** *Brian Benton, Adam Rice, Jerry Brumbaugh, Michelle Sherfey, Henry Mlodozeniec, Niki Rhoads, Sandy Girard, Kelly Frederick.*

Reza Marvas.

Elyas Khawarzad



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Henry Mlodozeniec shows his diversity as he balances a heavy academic load and the role of SGA president. He remarked, "Serving the student body was a privilege because I had the opportunity to work with some good people."

During leadership camp Kelly Frederick, Anna Peterson, Elyas Khawarzad, Ashley Becker, Sarah Greene, and Mike Victoria struggle to keep their balance in another test of their cooperation skills.

Elyas Khawarzad

Reza Marvashti

tudent Government Association Officers *Crystal Smith, Vice-resident; Jerry Brumbaugh, Secretary; Henry Mlodozeniec, President; Sandy irard, Treasurer.*

Reza Marvashti

Student Advisory Council **Front row:** *Javier Fuentes and Mike Ryan, Head Delegate;* **Back row:** *Niki Rhoads, Vice-Chairperson, Kenna Mills, Ms. Lisa Irizarry, sponsor, Adam Rice.*

Junior Jeny Amaya laughs as she tells the Latino Stars about the spring Multicultural Fashion Show. Details included fundraising ideas and theme spin-offs.

Working intently on making "wooden" shoes for the French Club's annual Fete de Noel, seniors Angie Tyson and Maggie Eldak ponder about the holiday season. French children place their shoes outdoors on Christmas Eve in hopes that Pere Noel will fill them with sweets.

Heather Martin

Pejman Rashidi

Heather Martin

Serving a delicious french crepe, Dr. Josette Conell points Claudia Sarovia in the direction of the other refreshments. Each year the French Club has hosted the "crepe party" with a substantial turn-out.

Segall-Majestic

Latino Stars **Front Row:** *Karina Sirvas, Jeny Amaya, Zoraidia Cintron, Jose Morales, Sofia Mejia;* **Second Row:** *Maria Morales, Joana, Ninfa Mendieta, Elizabeth Carrero;* **Third Row:** *Evelyn Arugeta, Ada Velezquez, Claudia Sarovia;* **Back Row:** *Rodigo Olivares, Douglas Jimenez, Jose Reyes, Jose Amaya.*

Heather Martin

International Clubs Know How to Have Fun

!Hola! and Bonjour!

The Latino Stars was created last year by Ms. Gladys-Cecelia Acosta who was joined by Ms. Zoraida Cintron. Ms. Cintron commented, "Our goal is to join together and look out for one another. We try to help each other out." The fifteen members met twice a month to plan a variety of activities. One, in particular, was the establishment of a tutoring program. In addition, fundraisers were held to raise money for the creation of a scholarship awarded to an outstanding Latin American student.

The French Club, directed by Dr. Josette Conell, offered many functions for the students to get involved in. Dues for the club were $1, which many took advantage of. The most popular event was the annual crepe party in which members of the club feasted on crepes made by the French Club officers. Equally well attended was the Fete de Noel. All who came enjoyed traditional French Christmas cuisine such as the Buche de Noel (Yule Log), while popular American fare was available also.

"I really enjoyed being an officer because all the work that was put into the club gave many students the chance to experience cultural events that they may never have had the chance to experience."- Susan Bottomley

Meanwhile, the French Honor Society, under direction of Mrs. Susan Sokoloski hosted several afterschool bake sales. The bake sales helped to provide and increase the interest in the French Honor Society. The minimum requirements to be in the academic group were a 3.55 G.P.A. for six quarters in the French language and good standing in the school community. While enrollment in the honor society was down from previous years, the officers were looking forward to an increase in next year's membership.

Susan Bottomley, a member of both the French club and the French honor society, felt that membership in these clubs helped her appreciate the foreign culture much more than merely learning to speak the language in class. "I really enjoyed being in these clubs," she explained. "The clubs gave many students the chance to experience cultural events that they may never have had the chance to experience otherwise."

-Kelly Duncan and Heather Smith

Heather Smith places another crepe on Amy King's plate. The crepe party was well attended and fun was had by all.

Tommy Jami

rench Club **Front Row:** *Sofia Mejia, Charles Green, Brian Benton, Susan Bottomley-President, eather Smith-Vice President, Rebecca Rohm-Secretary, Chafic Asmar, Jill Russell, Elyas Kharwarzad, r. Josette Conell-Sponsor;* **Second Row:** *Maggie Eldak, Christine Prevenslik, Angie Tyson, Rick roy, Tommy Jami, Jeanne Lewis, Michell Dixon, Kelli Perkins;* **Third Row:** *Mereiu Tesso, Chanda unstall, Dennis Perez, Janet Pinkham, Mari Torres, Heather Martin, Raiju Patel, Magda Pinkowski, nmy Campbell;* **Back Row:** *Samir Patel, Maggie Wilkes, Jon Fiencke, Yarella Olivares*

Tommy Jami

French Honor Society **Front Row:** *Mrs. Susan Sokoloski, Susan Bottomley, Tuyen Ngyen, Sharon Trader, Raiju Patel;* **Back Row:** *Heather Smith, Carrie Marshall, Erica Haubert, Rebecca Rohm; Missing: Jill Russell-President*

Learning About Other Cultures

Bilingualism at its Best

There's more to German than weiner schnitzel and gingerbread houses — and there's more to Spanish than rice and sombreros. Many students enrolled in German and Spanish classes developed an appreciation of these cultures and enjoyed good foods at the same time.

The purpose of the German club was to foster a better understanding of Germany, especially after the reunification. When the wall came down, there was a lot of talk in the German club. Without a doubt, the German club brought many students closer in spirit to the reunification of Germany.

An annual trip to Pennsylvania was one of the highlights of the German club. The trip enabled German students to closer analyze the Amish communities located in Pennsylvania and New England. Other activities of both the honor society and club included Oktoberfest. On St. Nikolaus Day, visits from students dressed up as Nikolaus, Knecht Ruprecht, and the Christchild, distributed candy throughout classes, while entertaining students with cultural folktales.

The Spanish club engaged itself primarily in learning the culture of Spanish societies. Besides having dinner at a Spanish restaurant, the members hoped to travel to Kings Dominion in the spring. The Spanish Honor Society sponsored a scholarship for a graduating senior headed towards college and also volunteered tutoring services for those who needed extra assistance with their Spanish assignments. The requirements for membership into the Spanish Honor Society included enrollment in at least Spanish III, an overall GPA of 3.0, or a 3.5 in Spanish studies. Sunny Sidhu, a graduate of Spanish IV AP, said, "Es un club fantastico!" His sister, P.J. Sidhu remarked, "The Spanish Honor Society has given both of us a greater appreciation of Hispanic cultures."

"The Spanish Honor Society does not concern itself with quantity, but with quality." -Ms. Becky Peck, club sponsor

Becky Peck, Spanish teacher, enjoyed taking her students to restaurants once a quarter. "We've been to Chi-Chi's and other Spanish or Mexican restaurants to try a variety of new foods. The experience has been fun for all of us and we've learned a little more about Spanish culture." The dinners club members shared also served to promote a feeling of comraderie among club members.

Whether you said "Guten Tag" or "Hola," you could join a club that catered to your cultural interests. The activities offered by these clubs and the experiences gained helped to further members' language education.

-Pejman Rashidi and Ross Sparacino

Rudolph Anderson and David Curtis explain to students in Mr. Wayne Willson's art class the rituals and customs associated with St. Nikolaus Day in Germany.

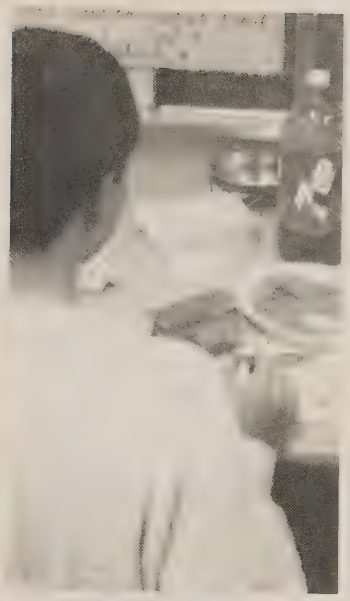
Heather Martin

German Club **Front row:** *Mary Fondriest, Lars Heinel;* **Second row:** *David Agranov, Pejman Rashidi, Scott Saulnier, Mrs. Gisela Carty, Sponsor;* **Third row:** *Tommy Jami, Jon Fiencke;* **Back row:** *David Bouck, Josh Capps, David Curtis, Elyas Kharwazad.*

Heather Martin

German Honor Society **Front row:** *President, Pejman Rashidi; Vice President Scott Saulnier; Mrs. Gisela Carty, Sponsor;* **Back row: Lars Heinel Jon Fiencke, David Curtis.**

Pejman Rashidi



Pejman Rashidi

A delicious tradition in Germany is the building of a gingerbread house (lebkuchen haus) for the Christmas holiday. A German club member decorates his "house" with a combination of chocolates and colorful candies.

Ted Hall is surprised by St. Nikolaus as he slips a piece of caramel candy into Ted's shoe. The candy is symbolic of rewards that St. Nikolaus gives to deserving kids.

Heather Martin

Tommi Jami

banish Club **Front row:** *Tommi Jami, Paul Clements, Rob Stringham, Kate one, Shane Mills, Lowell Usrey.* **Back row:** *Heather Lee, Angie Agresto, Erin nway, Crystal Henry, Lana Pham, Amber Perkins, Holly Williams.*

Carrie Marshall

Spanish Honor Society *Sunny Sidhu, Ms. Becky Peck, Sponsor, and Princejeet Sidhu.*

"Aluminum Cans for Burned Children" was the major focus of the Ecology Club's endeavors. All funds raised from their recycling program were donated to this worthwhile cause. Carrie Marshall reads the flyer posted above the large recycling box.

The mid-game scores are posted and Edison goes on to defeat Coolidge and H.D. Woodson High Schools. Mrs. Carol Marshall and Dr. Robert Clark pose with It's Academic sponsors Martha Price and Isabel Bligh and the team.

Heather Martin

George Fiencke

National Honor Society **Front row:** *Mario Castro, Yarella Olivares, Mike Osborne, Michelle Roche, Sandy Girard, President; Amy Hofbauer, Aaron Crane, Ian Roopan, Ms. Georgette Rhodes, Sponsor;* **Second row:** *Trish Fix, Kate Paone, Kim Kelmel, Lana Pham, Sagina Wahl, Heather Martin, Rajju Patel, Alison Russell, Rebecca Rohm, Crystal Chrea, Vice-President; Michele Lynch, Secretary; Cindy Boehm, Lowell Usrey;* **Third row:** *Lindsay Moro, Alyson Kemper, Leigh Moro, Elyas Khawarzad, Stephanie Shaw, Brian Rossman, Shannon Anderson, Jimmie Campbell, Amanda McDougall, David Agranov;* **Back row:** *Brooke Wilbraham, Josh Scheers-Masters, Jimmy Camacho, Diego Figueroa, Pejman Rashidi. Not pictured: Missy Cooper, Historian; and Melissa Lawrence, Treasurer.*

Carrie Marsh

Heather Martin

Contributing to the ecology club's environmental efforts, Eric Million tosses his Coke can into the recycling container located in the back hallway.

Students Strut Their Stuff

Service Builds Pride

They sit fully concentrated, their hands poised above the buzzer, anticipating the quizmaster's question. "What figure in Greek mythology has multiple heads in the form of women's?..'-Edison, what is the answer?". This situation was played out many times by the students involved in It's Academic.

It's Academic was a small team comprised of about six members who practiced every Tuesday after school. Each person got to practice his bellwork and learned how to think under pressure. The ultimate goal of every team member was to do well enough in practice to become one-third of the television team.

Seniors Brian Davis, Jon Fiencke and captain Heather Smith were chosen to compete against Coolidge and H.D. Woodson high schools. The team fared well, winning the first round and receiving $250 from Giant Food. They then were eligible to advance to the second round against two other first-round winners.

The Ecology Club provided the school and the community with the invaluable service of helping to clean up the environment. The club decided to place the majority of their time in recycling. The money received from the recycling was given to ACBC (Aluminum Cans for Burned Children).Lana Pham said, "This club allows me to show that I care about the environment; recycling plastic helps keep the atmosphere stable and recycling paper saves trees."

Lori Lomison, science teacher and club sponsor, was proud of the involvement of students in promoting recycling measures. Club members were also proud that the money that they earned through their conscientious recycling was used in an unselfish way. "Giving our profits to ACBC made me proud to be a member of the ecology club," said Jessica Aguilar.

The National Honor Society also provided the school and community with invaluable service, such as sponsoring faculty breakfasts at the end of each semester, raising money to give to charities, and tutoring in almost any subject.

-Heather Smith, Steve Bansal, Kim Wilson

"Even though this was my first year on the 'It's Academic Team' I was accepted by all my fellow teammates. I enjoyed being part of a winning team." -Peter Krein

Reza Marvashti

Ecology Club **Front row:** *Crystal Chrea, Dez Riley, Jessica Aguilar, Megan Doe, Jessica Spear, Sophie Mejia, Rajju Patel;* **Back row:** *Elizabeth Carrero, Christina Dea, Lana Pham, Heather Lee, Sponsor Lori Lomison, Janet Pinkham, Mari Torres.*

Tomi Jami

It's Academic **Front row:** *Mrs. Martha Price, Sponsor, Heather Smith, President, Janet Pinkham, Brian Davis;* **Back row:** *Jon Fiencke, Vice President, Peter Krein, Luke Duddridge, Vice President; Missing: Mrs. Isabel Bligh, Sponsor, Sandy Girard, Quizmaster, Charles Green.*

Looking Towards the Future

Students Speak Out

Clubs and classes can play an essential role in preparing students for future careers. Each organization provided students with the skills necessary to enrich their lives.

Forensics, debate, and Lincoln-Douglas debate, although usually considered related, are actually quite different. This year, the forensics team was awarded the title, "Leading Chapter in the Mid-Atlantic District," the highest honor the National Forensic League can award. "We have to give credit to both the debate and forensic teams," Ms. Celia Blotkamp stressed. "The whole team achieves points whether they win or lose. Those are added to form an overall score."

Lincoln-Douglas had a relatively substantial record with the whole team performing to their potential. Those who participated in Congress and mock sessions also did well, even though they lost their original members. The new team showed a great deal of enthusiasm.

Coach Tim Kane was very satisfied with his debate team's performance. They attended many difficult tournaments and defeated many experienced teams. They attended many travel tournaments in hopes of making it to the Tournament of Champions.

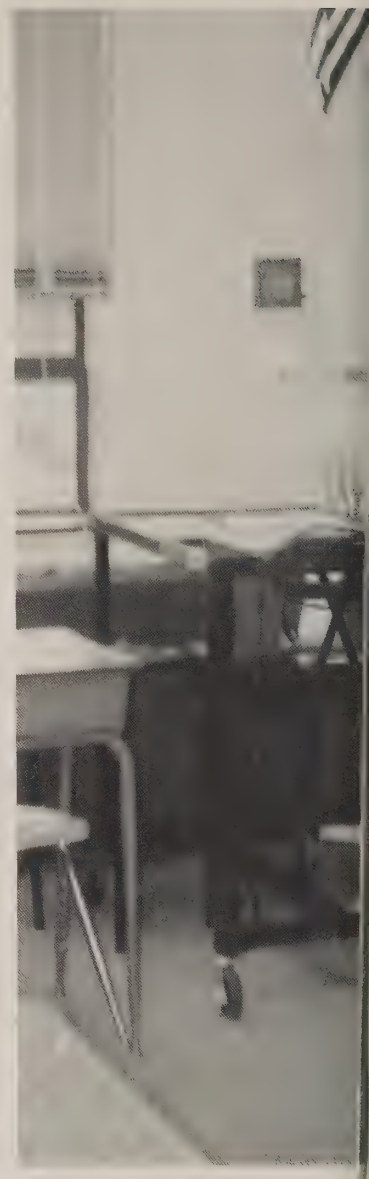
"Model United Nations gives me experience in international studies, a career area I am considering for my future." - Sandy Girard

Trips to Atlanta and Pittsburg, Boston and New York, were some of the highlights of the year," said Jeff Grynaviski. His debate partner, Peter Krein added, "Any trip with Mr. Kane is a 'highlight'."

The Model United Nations attended a George Mason University Conference in March. Along with other schools, the members competed as U.N. delegates. "Model U.N. is a unique experience because it allows students to learn about other countries and gain the art of diplomacy," said Aaron Crane.

FBLA not only provided students with business skills such as typing, but with a better understanding of the business world. The members participated in many fund-raisers and had the opportunity to attend lectures.

-Carrie Marshall And Heather Martin



Practicing their speeches for Lincoln-Douglas, Vicki Wagner and Charles Green iron out the rough spots in their cases. Students participating in L.D. debate are required to write their own articles and brainstorm their own arguments.

Heather Martin

Future Business Leaders of America **Front Row:** *Amber Perkins, Kristy Cannon, Kim Downs, Dianna Voron, Hope Moran, Jennifer Anawalt, Lindsey Moro;* **Second Row:** *Meretu Tesso, Shannon Anderson, Angie Agresto, Kelli Perkins, Kate Paone, Tommy Jami, Holly Williams, Leigh Moro, Miki Barnett;* **Back Row:** *Lowell Usrey, Claudia Seravia, Ada Velasquez*

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Model United Nations *Aaron Crane, Jeanne Lewis, Sandy Girard, Charle Green.*

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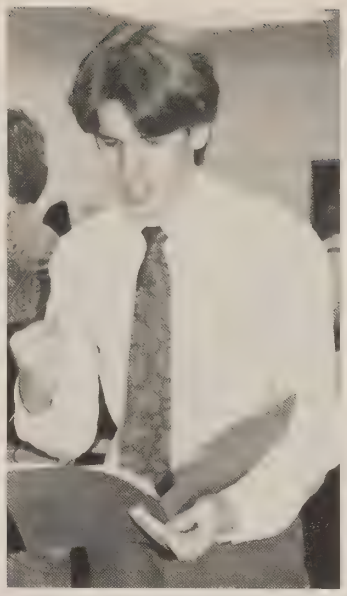


Carrie Marshall

Practicing before a round begins is very important to all forensics students. Senior Luke Duddridge psyches himself for his upcoming oral interpretation competition.

Aaron "Pookie" Toscano and Peter "Crash" Krein review evidence in preparation for an upcoming WACFL debate tournament. Being skilled debators they find it is easier to look over the facts before going into their round.

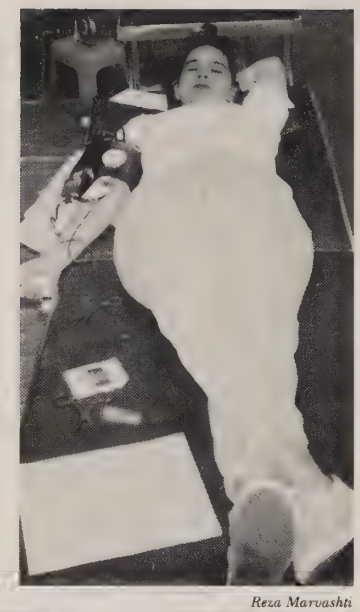
Heather Martin

Heather Martin

Policy Debate **Front row:** *Eric Tracy, Jessica Birt,* **Second row:** *Kuang Chen, Jeff Cheng, Michelle Pecori, Kelly Mann;* **Third row:** *Jacob Weiner, Aaron Toscano, Nathan Hurto, Natalie Horowitz;* **Back row:** *Jeff Grynavisky, Mr. Tim Kane, Sponsor, and Peter Krein.*

Kristen Leedom

Forensics/Lincoln-Douglas Debate **Front row:** *Ida Tennant, Jeanne Lewis, Sandy Girard, Charles Green, Heather Martin, Mamiee Jackson, Kurt Anderson;* **Second row:** *Ms. Cecelia Blotkamp, Sponsor, Jeff Brogden, Vicki Wagner, David Curtis, Kimberly Kellmel, Christine Blackwell, Michelle Roberts, Teresa Scott, David Agranov, Luke Duddridge.*



Senior Heather Smith is one of the many volunteers to give blood at the annual blood drive. She, along with many others, supported the Keyettes and the American Red Cross in this worthwhile community service.

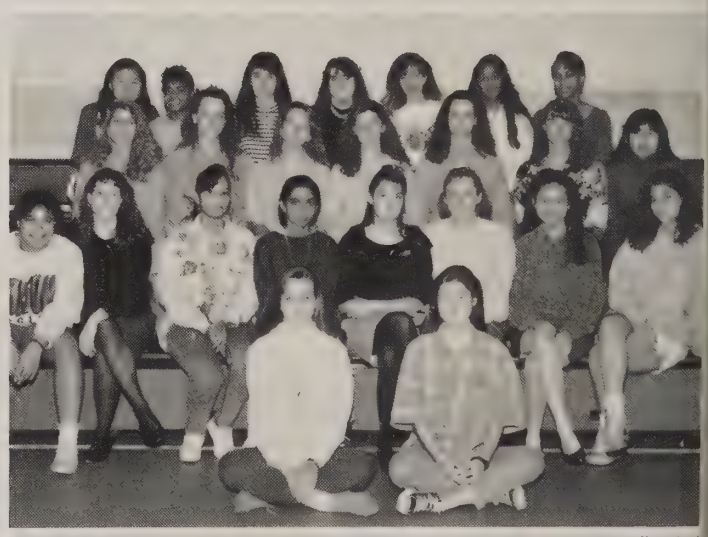
Reza Marvashti

While discussing the rules for their Family Group at Youth Council, Sara Greene looks up from her notes to get a better understanding of what the leader is saying.

Debbie Batzer

Segall-Majestic

Students Against Drunk Driving **Seated:** *Rob Stringham;* **Front Row:** *Cindy Marasigan, Vera Somchanmavong, Lana Pham, Missy Mereness, Diana Voron, Hope Moran, Mrs. Joan Krautheim;* **Second Row:** *Elizabeth Carrero, Shane Mills, Tommy Jami, Rick Leroy;* **Third Row:** *Angie Lewis, Lowell Ursey, Mari Tores, Jon Fiencke.*



Segall-Majesti

Keyettes **Seated:** *Michelle Roche and Carla Komich;* **First Row:** *Jasmine Tyler Kelly Fredrick, Sahanna Gist, Shaily Nair, Wendy Roland, Michelle Lynch, Crysta Chrea, Mari Torres.* **Second Row:** *Jeanne Lewis, Niki Rhoads, Megan Noe, Jessic Spear, Rebecca Rohm, Erica Haubert, Tuyen Nguyen.* **Third Row:** *Thuy Cao, Jerr Ross, Christine Prevenslik, Heather Martin, Janet Pinkam, Raju Patel, Rosalin Choates.*

Reza Marvashti

Youth Make A Difference

Showing They Care

After-school activities gave students a chance to get involved in the community and the school. Service to others provided a way to show that we cared and that our involvement could make a difference.

Youth-to-Youth was a drug-free organization that promoted a substance-free lifestyle. The purpose of the organization was threefold: first, the education of youth to say no; second, the provision of alternatives for spending a drug-free evening and third, the creation of a group of students who held common beliefs upon which friendships could be built. An educated council of students, the "power team," went out into the community to teach the youth at our feeder schools to say no. This youth council also attended a seminar, in which students talked about problems and attended workshops, which boosted self- esteem, by working with kids, and using skits to teach. David Friedlander commented "I feel we accomplished a lot and I'm very glad I'm a part of Youth-to-Youth."

Reading over their blood drive forms, seniors Jeri Ross, Rebecca Rohm, and Daniel Reed wait anxiously to donate blood. Many juniors and seniors choose to give blood to the Red Cross.

Another service club, the Keyettes were active in the community. The club's thirty-eight members sponsored a bloodmobile and donated time at a nursing home and a shelter. Ms. Nancy Mishtal commented,

"I learned how to work with kids by using skits and stories about people who have dealt with more self-esteem problems than I have. I met a lot of people who were really great." -Brad Kosatka

"This year's group was one of the most active. They constantly came up with new ideas and had a great sense of responsiblity." The girls also worked with MMR students and brought in clothes with which they could practice housekeeping skills. President Carla Komich explained, "Keyettes is a unique organization which cares a lot about the community and offers us an opportunity to help others."

Students Against Drunk Driving (S.A.D.D.) provided students with an opportunity to fight drunk driving, which was the leading cause of death among teenagers. Members handed out red ribbons, at the holiday season, as a reminder to students that drinking and driving kill.

"Save a Sweetheart Day" was a new theme for SADD members in February. During the week preceding Valentine's Day, SADD members distributed pledge cards to all students through their English classes. Non-smokers pledged not to smoke or use tobacco for at least one year; smokers pledged not to use tobacco products on Valentine's Day. Students who pledged received a brightly-colored pencil from SADD and the knowledge that they would be healthier without the use of tobacco.

Throughout the year these service clubs worked hard to make a change, in the community and in the school, for the better.

-Beth Moran, Shannon Anderson, Kate Paone

Kris Leedom

Youth-to-Youth **Front row:** *Alan Pich, Christina Dea, Sara Greene, Mrs. Debbie Batzer, Sponsor;* **Back row:** *Darrell Hunt, Brad Kosatka, Sara Crampton, Rhea Baynes.*

Jasmine Tyler

Organizations such as Youth-to-Youth, Keyettes, and SADD encourage service to the community and the importance of communication. Part of our daily lives at school includes the morning announcements, read each and every day by Maggie Eldak and Brian Benton.

Math Clubs Offer Opportunity

Hopes for Extra Credit

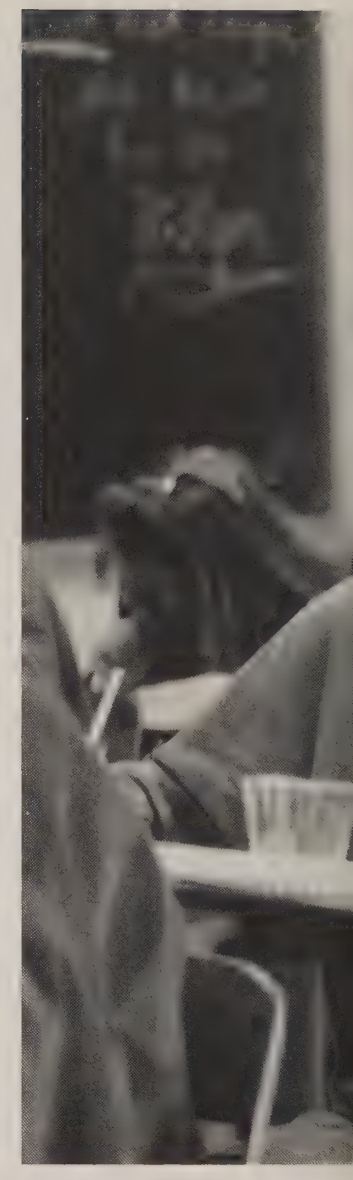
Students are always looking for an opportunity to earn extra credit, especially in a challenging subject like math. Math teachers offered extra credit to students who attended the meetings. This was a great incentive to encourage students to learn-even after school. As a result, junior math league had a very large turnout. At every meeting more chairs were needed to accommodate the increasing numbers. "We averaged at least 30 to 40 math students per meet. The purpose of the league is to expose the students to problem solving. They also competed with other schools and presently we are ranked seventh in the county out of 24 schools," commented Mrs. Yvonne Glover in January.

The math team, which was for juniors and seniors, competed in two types of competition. Both the individual and team competitions involved schools across the county. The individuals competed in nine different 36-minute sessions of test-taking time. The Edison team ranked fourth over-all in the county. Most people participated in math team to fullfill their academic lust, but a few like P.J Sidhu argued, "I go to math team to earn extra credit in Mrs. Barbara Baker's pre-calculus class."

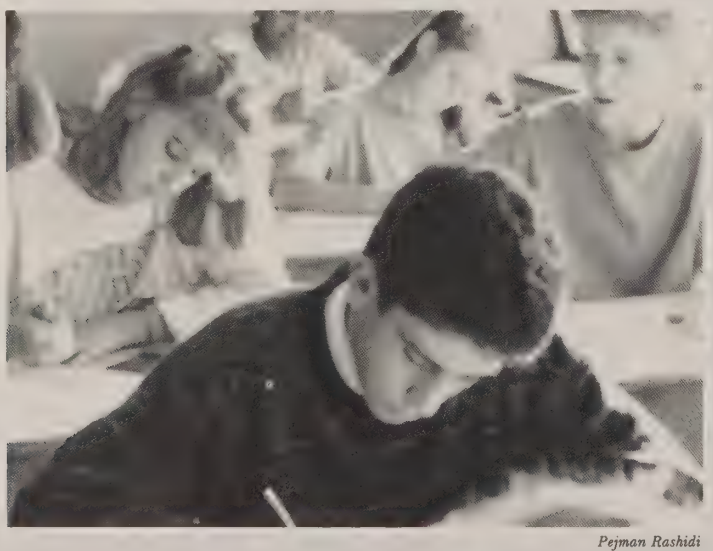
"It's a great feeling to know that you can help others through the M.H.S. tutoring program and the scholarship program which was established to help a senior who intends to major in math." - Tuyen Nguyen

For students who possessed both high grades and high interests in math, there was the Math Honor Society. "I feel that the Math Honor Society is an enriching experience which helps expand my understanding of mathematics," explained Kenna Mills. Melissa Anderson added, "I enjoy being in Math Honor Society because I earn extra credit in pre-calculus." The society also assisted math students with their problems by offering a tutoring service. Tuyen Nguyen, a math honor society officer, felt a sense of satisfaction when she was able to help others comprehend math better. In addition to tutoring, students organized fundraisers, like bake sales, to raise money for a scholarship for a senior intending to major in math.

-Alison Russell and Lowell Usrey

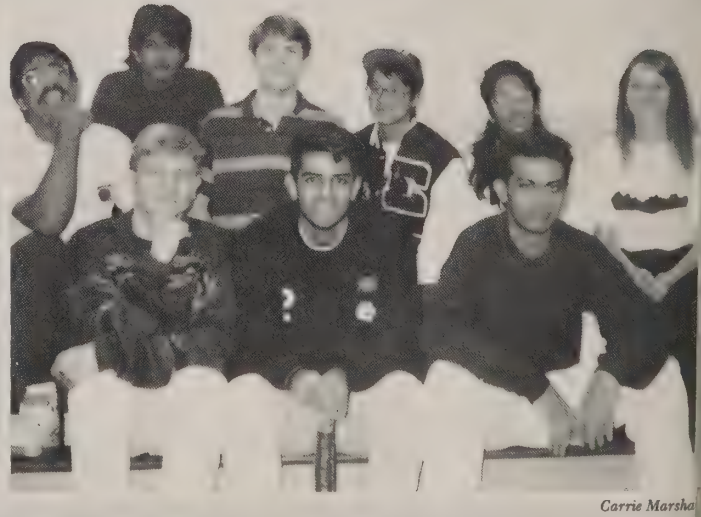


Kate Paone takes a breather between problems at a junior math league meeting. Kate was one of the ever- increasing numbers of students who participated in the league after school.



Pejman Rashidi

Working the problems in math was no difficulty for Leah Ford. She suceeded in doing well on her test. Many of the students participating in the meets found the end results rewarding.



Carrie Marsha

Math Team **Front Row:** *Lowell Usrey, Pejman Rashidi, Tommy Jami;* **Secon Row:** *Sunny Sidhu, Aaron Cranes, Derick Tam, Rajju Patel, Alison Russell;* **Bac Row:** *Ian Roopan.*

Tommy Jami

Alison Russell

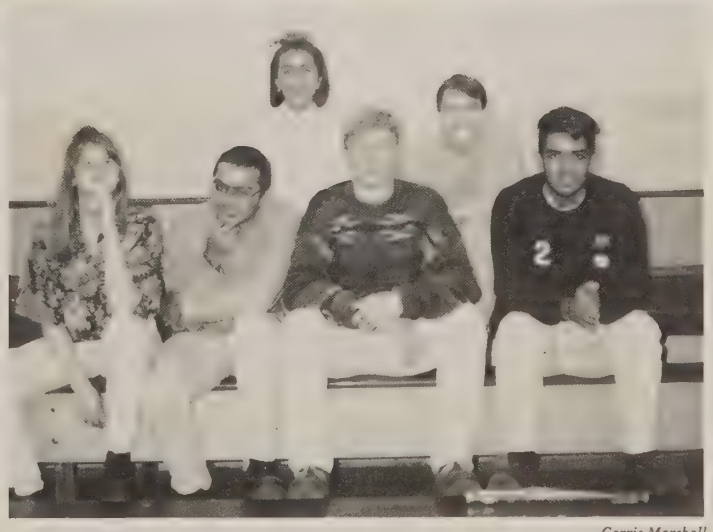
Concentrating hard, Elyas Khawarzad, attempts to figure out one of the thought provoking problems students were given at junior math league. The problems were designed to help students with their problem solving skills.

Lowell Usrey shows that junior math league wasn't all numbers and problems.

Tommy Jami

Kristen Leedom

Math Honor Society Officers **Front Row:** *Tuyen Nguyen, Derick Tam, President;* **Back Row:** *Billy Mitchell, Rudolph Anderson.*



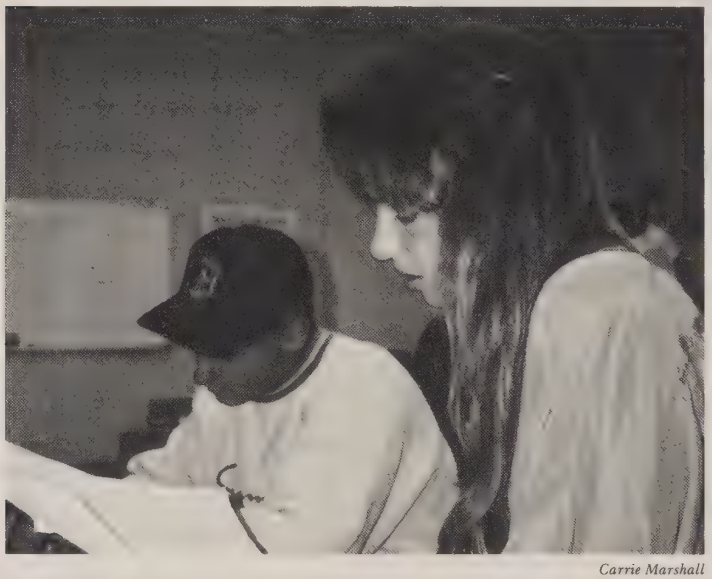
Carrie Marshall

Junior Math League **Front Row:** *Melanie Morris, Elyas Khawarzad, Lowell Usrey, Pejman Rashidi;* **Back Row:** *Yarella Olivares, Kevin Bouck.*

Magazine editor, senior Amy Hofbauer, edits her articles carefully. A member of both the Talon and Current staffs, Amy would miss these journalism classes if they were cut from the curriculum.

As their deadline approaches, seniors Niki Rhoads and Reza Marvashti work hard on their articles and layouts with hopes of putting out the best yearbook ever because things will never be the same again.

Carrie Marshall



Carrie Marshall

Segall-Majestic

Current Staff **Front row:** *Becky Devers, Cari King, Dianna Voron, Missy Mereness, Maggie Morton, Amalie Hofbauer, Sandy Girard, Debbie Ramsdell;* **Second row:** *Jenny Anawalt, Krissy Gallahan, Shannon Dewhurst, Kristy Cannon, Stacey Davis, Michelle Dixon, Magda Pinkowski;* **Back row:** *Mr. David Burns, sponsor, Leigh Moro, Lindsay Moro, Holly Williams, Michael Wiest, David Friedlander, Jeff Brogden.*

Heather Martin

Quill & Scroll *Melissa Lawrence, Amanda McDougall, Rebecca Rohm, Danie Reed.*

Amy Hofbauer

Making the best of "paste-up" for the Current, juniors Becky Devers and Magda Pinkowski align the copy over a light table at Type, Inc., the publishing company for the school paper.

Pressures, Picas, and Pizza

Journalism Jitters

Despite the pinching budget cuts, many classes continued their hard work and found new ways to raise money for their publications. With the threat of having some journalism classes eliminated from the curriculum, the students had to prove that the classes were educational as well as beneficial for them and their school.

With only a few returning staff members, the Current newspaper veterans had their class combined with the fledgling journalists who helped put out an outstanding and informative newspaper. The hard work and dedication put in by the Current staff was not always acknowledged as much as other journalism classes. As page editor, junior Stacee Cress stated, "Journalism is really cool because we learn a lot about how papers are put out. But Edison students don't really care about our paper. I've even heard people say that the Current isn't a "real" paper. I plan on staying in journalism next year and I hope to make EHS take notice of the Current."

Erudite, the literary magazine, is a publication of students' poems, short stories, photographs and art work. Mrs. Joan Krautheim, the Erudite sponsor, is also the creative writing teacher.

Quill & Scroll is an international journalism honorary for those students who are in the top third of their class and have made significant contributions to a high school publication. This year

"When I think of the Current, I think of a crazy bunch of people. We always get stressed out at "paste-up" time but we love to see our finished product." — Kate Hadley

Amanda McDougall, Melissa Lawrence, Rebecca Rohm, and Daniel Reed received this prestigious award. These Talon members and the rest of the yearbook staff were also required to meet deadlines and produce a final product. Members quickly learned the requirements for completing a spread other than simply writing a story. Strict rules for copy and layout along with yearbook and publishing terms baffled new staff members, but it became easier as each deadline was completed. Yearbook members showed their journalistic talents by being responsible for all the writing in the yearbook. Deadlines were rewarded with pizza parties, but the best reward was receiving the completed book in June.

In February, the yearbook staff was delighted to learn that the 1991 Talon was selected to appear in Taylor Publishing Company's Yearbook Yearbook, a collection of the best examples of copywriting, page design, cover design, and theme development from yearbooks from around the country. Approximately 200 books are chosen from among the thousands published by Taylor each year. The featured academics section was designed by this year's editor-in-chief Rebecca Rohm. In addition, this year's publication was chosen by Taylor to serve as a "sample book" — representatives from Taylor will be carrying the Edison Talon with them around the country. Kudos to a tradition of excellence!

-Jessica Aguilar and Carrie Marshall

Segall-Majestic

alon Staff **Front row:** *Alison Russell, Heather Smith, Melissa Lawrence, Amanda McDougal, ki Rhoads, Rebecca Rohm, Shannon Anderson, Beth Moran, Amy Hofbauer, Crystal Ellerman, Erica ubert, Amy Dievendorf;* **Second row:** *Jasmine Tyler, Joy Wright, Jessica Aguilar, Missy Mereness, ger Smith, Mari Torres, Erica Adhoot, Kim Wilson, Mrs. Kristen Leedom, Sponsor;* **Third row:** *ss Sparacino, Maggie Morton, Crystal Henry, Lana Pham, Erin Conway, John Newman, Mike Riolo, ather Martin, Carrie Marshall;* **Third row:** *Steve Bansal, DeAnn Lance, Pejman Rashidi, Kate one, Ralph Aucella, Tommi Jami, Lowell Usrey. Not pictured: Cindy Marasigan, Ann Herring.*

Kristen Leedom

Erudite Staff **Front row:** *Jason Reichman, Nathan Hurto, Mary Fondriest, Theresa Scott, Magda Pinkowski, Amy Weinhold;* **Second row:** *Josh Edson, Allison Morton, Maggie Morton, Aaron Toscano, Jessica Birt, Wendy Howard, Krista Estes, Nelofar Husseini;* **Back row:** *Mrs. Joan Krautheim, Sponsor, Gretchen Kenny, Chul-Min Lee, Susan Bottomley, Stellios Zissios, Tom Fiencke, Yoon-Hee Oh, Frank Cooper.*

In the Spotlight

Students On Stage

That the theatre is a place to be someone else is a common emotion shared by many students who participate in theatre activities. "After going to seven classes continuously, with a short lunch in- between, it is nice to have the freedom to walk into a place where you don't have to worry about teachers calling on you," stated junior Amery Pore.

After the bell sounded at the end of the day, one by one students lingered into the auditorium to either rehearse for panto-mimics, study a scene, or just relax. The panto-mimics group rehearsed shows which toured to various elementary schools and shopping malls. Another group of talented and dedicated theatre students were involved in Theatre Sports. "Theatre Sports takes a lot of energy. Some of the events we do take quite a bit of practice to get good at. For some people it is not easy to improvise under pressure, or think quick on their feet, but practice makes perfect . . . sometimes!" explained junior David Curtis.

Many of the theatre arts students auditioned for the South Lakes Competition. Dramatic, humorous, and classical scenes and monologues were selected to represent the theatre department and compete against other schools. The chosen pieces were constantly being rehearsed and perfected for South Lakes, and the practice paid off for some competitors. Junior David Agranov received first place in Humorous Monologue and second place with senior Steve Blaine with their dramatic cutting from Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*. David and Steve also performed in the fall production of *Romeo and Juliet* and accompanied the troupe to the annual competition at the Folger Shakespeare Theatre in Washington, D.C. in March, giving them another opportunity to shine in the spotlight.

"If I am not rehearsing for a scene I am doing chores and errands for Rusty. Cleaning and straightening up the backstage area seems to be a perpetual task, the messes never cease!" concluded senior Luther Dudridge.

-Amanda McDougall

"I became interested in theatre make up last year when I needed a project for my theatre arts class. I plan to extend my knowledge by learning more advanced techniques," commented Josh Scheers-Masters.

Although the Springfield Days Parade seems an unlikely place to find a beggar, David Agranov appears on his knees, beseeching the crowd for spare change.

Masquer and Thespian Society
Front row: *Jo Maillet, Luther Duddridge, Elyas Khawarzad, Amanda McDougall, David Agranov, Rusty Clauss;* **Second row:** *Melanie Morris, Amery Pore, Joe Pilkington, Mari Torres;* **Third row:** *Maggie Morales, Brooke Wilbraham, Jeremy Ward, Josh Sheers-Masters, Michelle Roberts, Carrie Edson, Janet Pinkham, Corn Reidy;* **Back row:** *Mike Summons, Josh Edson, John Fiencke, David Curtis.*

Carrie Marsh

Kristen Leedom

Reza Marvashti

Seeking advice from his spiritual advisor, Paris (Joe Pilkington) tells Friar Lawrence (Elyas Khawarzad) about the arrangements for his marriage to Juliet. Elyas actually shaved his head to portray the Franciscan friar.

During a break from a dress rehearsal Melanie Morris, Katie Becker, and Debbie Braswell chat about the upcoming opening night of Romeo and Juliet. All three of the girls admitted to being a bit nervous.

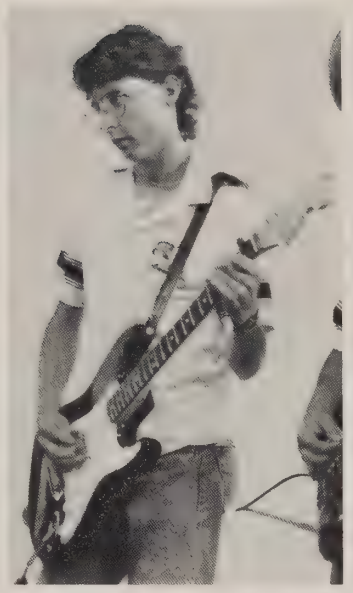
Amanda McDougall

Reza Marvashti

Lorenzo (Amanda McDougall) and Leonardo (Desaree Riley) fight in the midst of a town brawl between the Montague and Capulet families. Amanda and Desaree were two of the three girls who played male roles in Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet.

Reza Marvashti

An emotional Benvolio (David Curtis) attempts to alert Romeo (Luther Duddridge) to the dangers he may confront if he remains in Verona. Record crowds attended the November production of Romeo and Juliet; a school-wide preview attracted students who decided to come see the entire performance in the evening.



Pejman Rashidi

Senior Cory Tyson demonstrates his musical ability by playing the guitar for the pep band. Cory also plays tuba, baritone, and saxaphone for the symphonic band. In addition, he is featured in the jazz band.

Band members, Ginger Smith, Sarah Fellenbaum, Michelle Richie, and Brian Rosman look on as Drum Major Niki Rhoads explains a drill chart for the fall halftime show. Hours of practice in the parking lot paid off at the fall competitions.

Kenna Mills

Serenading the homecoming princesses, the marching band plays "Part of Your World." Two members of the band were in the homecoming court, Senior Drum Major, Niki Rhoads and freshman percussionist, Doug West.

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Dedicated Musicians Practice Hard as They

March to Success

Kenna Mills

There is mayhem and confusion as band members try to locate their belongings. Each student has to load and carry his own possessions on and off the busses to band camp. This can get very confusing — unless, of course, your suitcase is plaid.

The year started early for the Marching Eagles, who by mid-August, had already started fundraising with carwashes. The drum line and color guard had begun even earlier — these dedicated students started working on the field show on August 6. New band members started showing up August 12 for what the band refers to as "rookie camp."

At rookie camp new members met the leadership team, learned how to march, and started working on the music for the year. Junior Alison Russell, who had just moved to Virginia before camp, said, "Rookie camp was a good way to learn Edison's marching style, and it was nice to meet new people before school started." By August 14 all of the band members were back and ready to march. Soon after, everyone packed up at least two weeks of clothes to spend five days at Camp Kaufman in "lovely" Blue Ridge, Pennsylvania where the band not only learned their field show, but also got to know each other better by playing games like capture the flag and having a shaving cream war.

After school started, the band began rehearsing every Tuesday and Wednesday night and every Thursday afternoon. Everyone knows that the the marching band and color guard perform their halftime show at all of the football games. They also support the team and keep the crowd cheering in the stands, but not everyone knows that the marching band competes against top schools in the area. This year the band competed in the Golden Horseshoe Invitational where they received **Second Place, Best General Effect, and the Best Drum Major award, accepted by Drum Major Niki Rhoads, and Assistant Chris Holm. Other competitions included the Mount Vernon Classic (1st Runner Up), and the Woodbridge Tournament of Bands, receiving Second Place, and Best Drum Major in class Triple "A" for the first time. The band also competed in the Tournament of Bands Chapter 12 Championships where they received a score of 83.2, the highest score that the Eagles have received since the early 1980's.**

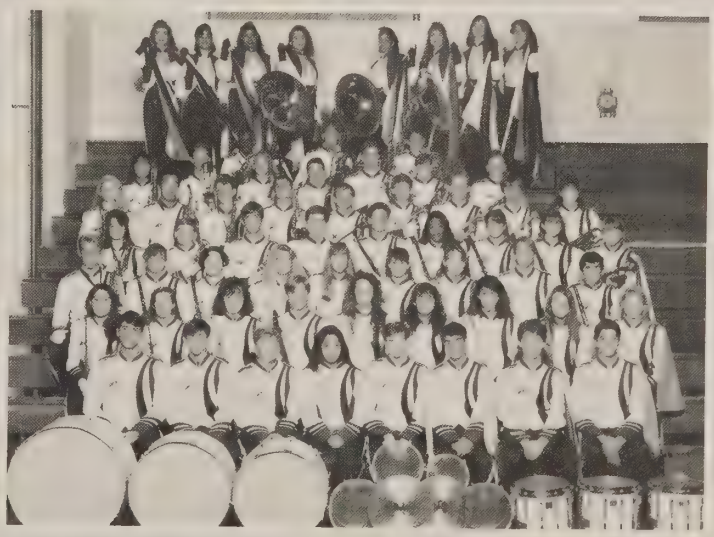
During the fall the vocational department built the band a beautiful mahogany showcase which now displays all of the band's awards in the lobby of the auditorium. The band had a winning season and enjoyed marching to success. With luck, the showcase will soon be filled.

-Niki Rhoads

"Being in both the band and the varsity football team was a challenging, yet enjoyable experience. I am thankful to God for giving me the talent and ability to be able to enjoy both activities." -Adam Rice

Kenna Mills

Color Guard *Guard members attend band camp every year to learn their routines and drill for the field show. Members include: Shannon Kimble, Ida Tennent, Sahanna Gist, Maggie Wilks, Nichole Gant, Crystal Smith, April Burton, Wendy Roland, Janet Pinkham, and in the front, hidden by her flag, is the guard's dedicated captain, Melissa Anderson.*



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Marching Band: **FRONT ROW:** *Bobby Jones, Doug West, Brian James, Vikki Nguyen, Brian Pratt, Erik Goodman, Ronnie Wingo, Ben Thrift;* **SECOND ROW:** *Gisela Penaloza, Michelle Richie, Ginger Smith, (Assistant Drum Major) Chris Holm, (Drum Major) Niki Rhoads, Katie Wilks, Madeleine Johnson, Alison Russell, Sarah Fellenbaum;* **THIRD ROW:** *David Walker, Liz Scott, Becky Morrison, Roni Witol, Stephanie Shaw, Jennifer Ellett, Samantha Schmucker, Jessica Letkiewicz, Bradley Barr* **FOURTH ROW:** *Kenna Mills, Eric Tracy, Nik Uhlir, Mike Osborn, Brian Rosman, Rajju Patel, Vanessa Mickey, Nicole Misantone, Sarah King;* **FIFTH ROW:** *Sarah Chiles, Ben Mun, Erik Grynaviski, Greg Midlam, Tim , Brian Davis, Adam Rice, Jeff Brogden, Stephanie Sacha;* **SIXTH ROW:** *Eun-a Yoo, James Bruce, Steve Kuntz, Mike Jones, Gordon Shaw, Heather Lynch, Kevin Schutte; SEVENTH ROW: Ryan Flemming, Barnaby Felton, Cory Tyson;* **EIGHTH ROW:** *Janet Pinkham, Sahanna Gist, Nicole Gant, Melissa Anderson, Crystal Smith, Wendy Roland, Maggie Wilks, Shannon Kimble*

Each Has a Part to Play

Music For Everyone

In the beginning, beginning band that is, students learned a new instrument, or just improved their ability on their own instrument. Band director Steven C. Wampler feels that taking beginning band is a good way to enhance the future concert band. Beginning band was offered as a class, and students usually joined the concert and marching band in the following year.

The jazz band was an extracurricular activity that brought a little spark to concert season. This year the band performed at all of the band concerts. They played songs like "Who Are The Captains Here?" and "Falida del Sol." Most of their songs featured many of the band members including trumpet player Brian Davis and alto saxophone player David Walker. David was also selected as the first chair alto saxophone player in the Virginia All-State Jazz Band.

The concert band and symphonic band teamed up several times this year. At their first concert, held in December, both bands played challenging music as well as fun music for their audience. "We really enjoyed playing songs like "Sleigh Ride" for the crowd, but we all looked forward to the more challenging music," remarked senior Megan Noe. The band got their chance to play more challenging music when it came time for the District Festival in March. At Festival the symphonic band had the chance to be ajudicated by other distinguished musicians. Audiences had a chance to hear the band's Festival performance by attending the pre-Festival concert in February. The final concert to round out the year was the annual Spring Concert held on May first.

All of the bands, from "beginning" to end had a super year, and all of the band members were proud of their musical accomplishments.

-Niki Rhoads

Band Council President Brian Davis is a versatile musician. He marches for The Patriots, a local drum corp, in addition to playing trumpet at Blues Alley in Georgetown.

Junior Ben Thrift shows his stuff as he plays a drum solo for the jazz band. Ben was also the drum line captain for the marching season and section leader for symphonic season.

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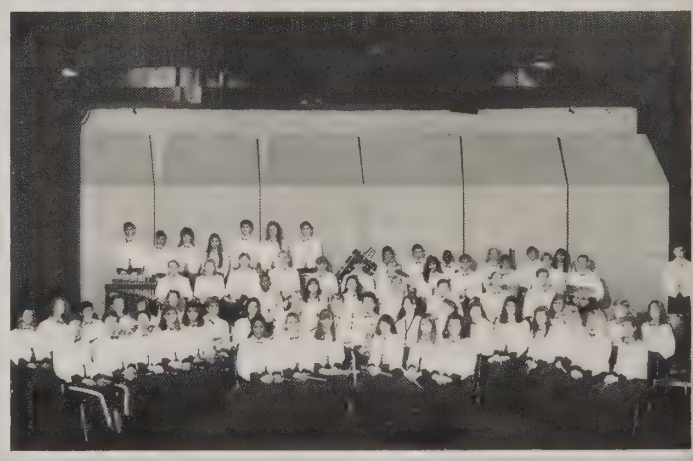
Band director Steven C. Wampler tunes the band before the annual winter concert. Because tension always builds prior to a concert, members of the symphonic band try to relax and concentrate instead on tuning their instruments.



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Symphonic and Concert Band **FRONT ROW** - *Rajju Patel, Sarah Fellenbaum, Stephanie Shaw, Jennifer Ellett, Alison Russell, Ginger Smith* **SECOND ROW** - *Brian Rosman, Mike Osborne, Becky Morrison, Nicole Misantone, Sylvia Chestnutt, Greg Midlam, Kenna Mills, David Walker, Erik Grynaviski, Ben Mun, Amber Lambert, Christie Cain, Samantha Schmucker, Madeleine Johnson, Michelle Richie, Jessica Letkiewicz, Roni Witol, Wendy Kweeder* **THIRD ROW** - *Vanessa Mickey, April Burton, Bradley Barr, Kevin Schutte, Heather Lynch, Stephaine Sacha, Gerald Jackson, Eun-a Yoo, Melissa Anderson, Steve Kuntz, Mike Jones, Jimmy Bruce, Gordon Shaw, Maggie Wilks, Brian James, Megan Noe* **FOURTH ROW** - *Tim Shubert, Sarah King, Brian Davis, Adam Rice, Tom Middlebrooks, Nik Uhlir, Eric Tracy, Tatiana Chestnutt, Jeff Brogden, Cory Tyson, Chris Holm, Daniel Spear, Brian Pratt* **FIFTH ROW** - *Doug West, Erik Goodman, Ronnie Wingo, Vikki, Nguyen, Bobby Jones, Niki Rhoads, Ben Thrift, Barnaby Felton, Ryan Flemming, Sarah Chiles, Liz Scott, Katie Wilkes.*

Segall-Majestic

Kristen Leedom

For Fred Jafarzadeh, Raymond Gamble, and Ozzie Smith it's just the beginning, beginning band, that is. After they learn the fundamentals of the baritone they will move on to the concert and symphonic band.

For both freshman Steve Kuntz and senior Eun-A-Yoo, this is their first year in Edison's jazz ensemble. Both musicians found jazz band an interesting way to express their talent.

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Graduation wouldn't be the same without "Pomp and Circumstance" and who better to play it than the symphonic band. This will be the last time seniors Jeff Brogden, Adam Rice, and Brian Davis will play this famous processional.

"Our pizza sales gave the chorus budget a large boost," said director April Labanowski. Opening a large box of pepperoni pizza, Sarah Tirpak and Melissa Evans prepare for the onslaught of hungry students.

Pia Diaz plucks at the strings of her cello as she tunes her instrument prior to beginning rehearsal. Although the orchestra was small, individual students had a chance to shine.

Kristen Leedom

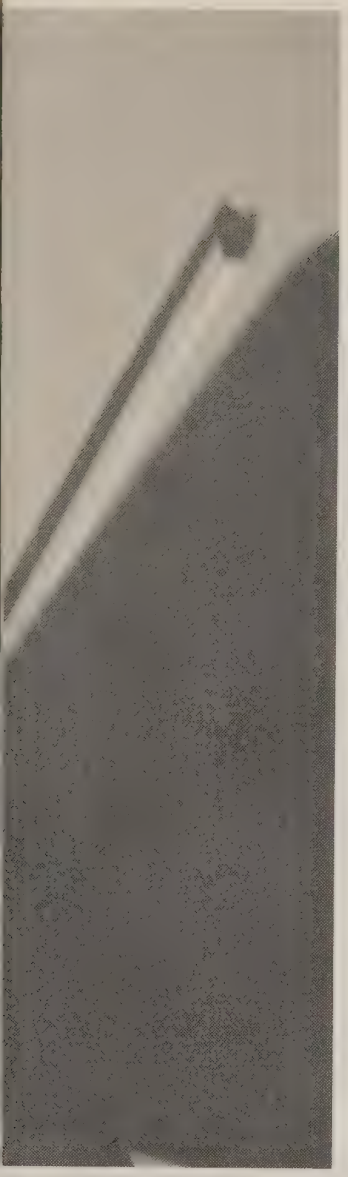
Pejman Rashidi

Pejman Rashidi

Appearing on stage for their winter concert, the Edison orchestra performs the Brandenberg Concerto with the Mark Twain Intermediate School orchestra. The pyramid concert gave the younger musicians the opportunity to play more difficult music as they were accompanied by the high school performers. Other selections included "Coming Out of the Dark," "St. Paul's Suite #1," and "Ukranian Carols."

Pejman Rashi

Front row: *Stephanie Prohaska, Heidi Landahl, Rachel Calhoun, Emre Iza Jeannette Mitchell.* **Back row:** *Lisa Shevern, Brian Shifflett, Vicki Wagner, P Diaz, Aeree Lee, Sandy Mastro, Kuang Chen, Kerri Sirvas.*



Maggie Morton

Musicians Practice to Stay in Tune

Take Note

"On a simple note, the orchestra is a group of students who are looking to always expand their knowledge of music and ability to play their string instruments better," explained orchestra director, Mr. Robert Sorel. Edison's ensemble was a quick-learning, supportive group consisting of fourteen members. There were twelve violins, one cello, and one viola. Though the orchestra has been continually growing each year, there is always a need for more members. "Our only weakness is that we could use more players," commented Sorel.

The orchestra practiced for forty-five minutes a day, five days a week, with extra rehearsals before concerts and festivals. This young group, consisting of ten freshmen, two sophomores, and two juniors travelled to Boston in May to compete in a national competition. These young musicians had about six performances, including a successful mini-concert at Springfield Mall on December 10. The group also performed for the school in the winter concert that was held on December 19.

Sandy Mastro rehearses her part in the "Theme from Ice Castles" which was just one of the selections the orchestra played during the winter concert.

Sorel, in his second year at Edison, explained that his major goals are to improve listening and playing skills, and to make the orchestra more known. "We are as interested in promotions as we are in fundraising," added Sorel.

"Orchestra is a good experience. Once you get used to performing in front of large groups of people, it helps you a lot. Some of the skills that I have learned in Orchestra, I use in other classes."-Vicki Wagner.

Across the hall from the orchestra, the sound of Edison's chorus permeated the foyer of the fine arts wing. Music has become an important part of everyone's life, and the chorus members help keep it up. Students took the class because they honestly love music and enjoy singing. It gave them the chance to do what they love, while they improved their voices as well. You could tell from the looks on their faces when they sang how much they loved what they're doing.

Mrs. April Labanowski worked diligently to raise funds for the choral program. In her first full year at Edison, she raised a significant amount of money through pizza sales every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. The smell of Domino's wafted through the school and we didn't need Mrs. Wasalaski's announcement "Be sure to buy your pizza in the lobby," to know that the pizzas had arrived. Choir members pitched in to help and the pizza disappeared in minutes.

Senior Brian Benton, who has been singing for eight years said, "Choir has become very important to me because it's a way I can release my feelings. As president of Edison Singers I have devoted most of my time to improving the chorus department". Benton is so devoted to the chorus that he had SNGR put on his license plate.

-Anne Herring and Maggie Morton

Reza Marvashti

o Maillet, Elisha Simpson, and Erica Smith follow the lead of choral director, Mrs.April Labanowski as they learn a new song for the winter concert.

Reza Marvashti

Juniors David Curtis and Jeremy Ward practice to stay in key for their winter performance. These two know that concentration is the key to perfection.

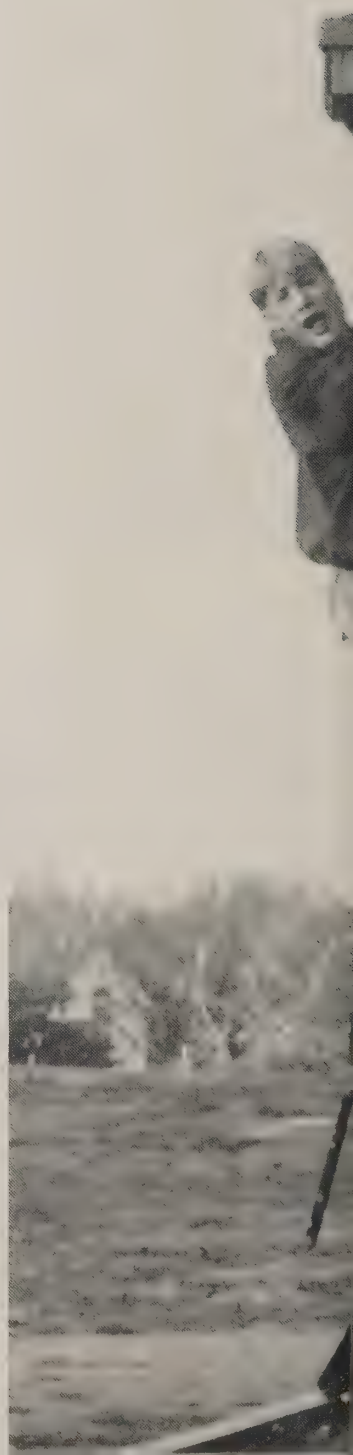
PEOPLE

Changing Faces

Molly Moore
Heather Rayfield
People Section Editors

Since everyone exuded a unique, individual personality, no one expressed himself in the same manner. These personal expressions were shown in varying ways, depending on the person. "It's the people that make this school so great. What would it be without them?" said Ann Herring.

Freshmen were given new responsibilities which made them grow up quickly; sophomores shifted into a new gear and attempted their second year with improved spirits. Juniors re-acquainted themselves with the school and added a new flair to all that they did and the seniors sighed knowing it was their final year of high school. We saw ourselves change as we matured, and looking back we saw differences in our own self-expressions. Each and every day saw changes in ourselves and in our friends as we worked and played, studied and relaxed, knowing that change and growth were positive parts of the acknowledgement that things would never be the same again.



Students goof off on the caboose at Lee District. A group of underclassmen gathered after school to unwind and gossip about their day. Even though it was a crisp November afternoon, the Edison students enjoyed each other's company.

'95 Takes Charge

Class leaders take office knowing that they will be dealt a large handful of responsibility. Freshman class officers, however, often have the hardest job of all because they must deal with new and time-consuming activities such as float-building and fund raising.

The 1991-92 freshman class officers were President Natalie Horowitz, Vice-President Rachel Calhoun, Treasurer Allison Berardelli, and Secretary Sara Crampton. As is often the case with first-year high school students, the freshman officers experienced some difficulty getting started, but quickly adjusted to the tough job of balancing their responsibilities as officers with academics, sports, and other extracurricular activities.

Natalie Horowitz said, "It was tough to balance all my responsibilities, but I loved doing it." Natalie had already experienced the role of class president as she held that position at Mark Twain as well.

The Class of '95 didn't plan on sitting around doing nothing all year. Horowitz added, "We have a lot of goals and hope to earn enough money for all of our senior activities. We want to increase school spirit and build pride in our class."

-Amy Hofbauer

Heather Rayfield

Sara Crampton, Rachel Calhoun, and Natalie Horowitz pose for their class officer picture. The officers worked hard for their class.

Jasmine Tyler

Running for office requires enthusiasm and time. Rachel Calhoun and assistant spent quite a bit of time hanging up flyers to make sure the freshman class knew all about Rachel's qualifications.

Timeeka Adams
Matthew Alford
Ramires Alsides
Jose Amaya
Rafael Amaya
Cynthia Andrews
Cara Angeli
Evelyn Argueta
Roopa Ayalur

Bradley Barr
Eric Barton
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Monica Chase

Kuang Chen
Silvia Chestnutt
James Choe
Jeffrey Christ
Brian Cilinski
Stephenie Collins
Sara Crampton
Dawn Crawford
Jasa Cumberland

Shawna Cumberledge
Stacey Davis
Nicole De Sapio
Shannon Delelle
Pia Diaz
Christine Dillion
Jamel Doiley
Charity Dolan
Jill Donahue

Kevin Dove
Jay Downs
Kimberly Dubreuil
Eric Duncan
Sofia Echaide
Timothy Eckert
Tracy Edwards
Jennifer Ellett
Joshua Elliot

Willie Elston
Charles Embry
Melissa Evans
Ebony Feimster
Michael Field
Fatima Flores
Tonia Flores
Jeffrey Flynn
Annette Fowler

Kenneth Foy
Wamique Futuri
Eva Galeas
Christina Gallahan
Raymond Gamble
Christopher Gardner
Matthew Gardner
Emmanuel Garrett
Felipe Gaskin

Carl Gaston
Mary Gilbert
Emily Gillespie
Heather Gilman
Catherine Girouard
Matthew Glascoe
Stephanie Glatt
Rene Gomez
Sara Greene

Timothy Greene
Joni Gruitt
Eric Grynaviski
Jose Guevara
Sachin Gupta
Maria Hamlin
Andrew Hardester
Christopher Harper
Kenneth Harper

Tarik Hassanein
Richard Hayden
Quincy Hayes
Heidi Heislup
Timothy Hildebrand
Tara Hopkins
Michael Hopson
Natalie Horowitz
William Howard

Michael Hunter
Christine Hurley
Thivaphorn Hutasewee
Arporn Isaranuwatanakul
Emre Izat
Mamie Jackson
Abdul Jaghoori
Brian James
Thomas Javaros

Teresa Jeffcoat
Douglas Jimenez
Madeleine Johnson
Martin Jones
Michael Jones
Alexander Juday
Brian Kandul
Shellah Karwan
Patrick Kavros

Robert Kellas
Kommaly Keovongphet
Kristina Kern
Melanie Kersey
Assad Khan
Jee Kim
Shannon Kimble
Erica Kovalcik
Steven Kuntz

Wendy Kweder
Sin Lam
Amber Lambert
Michelle Lana
Colleen Lance
Heidi Landahl
Cathaliya Lanford
Keesha Lawrence
Ae Lee

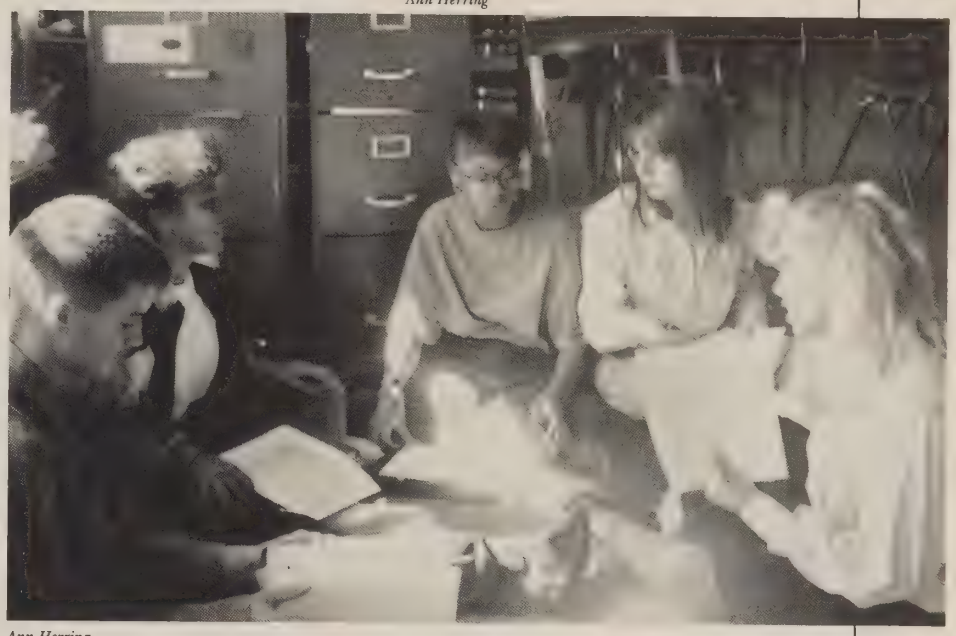
Michelle Linderer
Jimmy Lloyd
Aspen Logman
Charlena Love
Luis Lozano
Michael Mainer
Erich Martin
Michele Martin
Cerissa Mason

Saundra Mastro
Karla Matney
Michael McCloskey
Christina McCutchan
Eric McKim
Ninfa Mendieta
Vanessa Mickey
Douglas Middlebrooks
Russell Midlam

These five freshmen, Scott Wages, Jay Downs, Jay Milburn, Chris Gardner, and Cara Angeli spend time with Mrs. Lindsay Wilson in the library, linking via computer to a California-based company.

Ann Herring

In world civ group work is an essential ingredient. These students collaborate on their "Easterners" project.



Ann Herring

Freshman Phobias

Do you remember your first day of high school? Did you have insomnia the night before? Did it feel like you had 20 million butterflies in your stomach? These are some of the problems a freshman faces when he realizes that his first day of ninth grade starts soon. Chitt Somchanmavong remembered the night before he attended high school, "I was so nervous that I couldn't sleep at all."

The pressure began to build — new classes, friends, teachers, and relationships were all part of the anxieties freshmen suffered. Madeline Johnson spoke about the most difficult aspect of school during the first two weeks: "Definitely going to my locker and getting to my classes on time."

What about the clubs and sports? Aeree Lee answered, "There are more activities, clubs, and sports to join. I especially enjoy cheerleading." High school isn't all fun and games either. There are more responsibilities. Jen Ellett agreed, "The workload increased drastically since intermediate school." Nicole Misantone added, "High school is so much better than intermediate school because we have more freedom." So if the pressure is too much and you don't know what to do, just scream! AHHHHH!!!!

-Lana Pham

Jasmine Tyler

Mrs. Beverly Fulton and Roopa Ayalur hang the hall decorations for the class of 1995. Managing the hall decorations was a very tedious task, but Mrs. Fulton helped the freshmen place well in the competition.

Allison Berardelli, Melanie Morris, Scott Wages, and Pat Kavros enjoy their ride on the freshman class float.

Ross Sparacino

'95's Got It!

"Who ya gonna yell for?
Eagles, Eagles!!
What ya gonna yell?
Fight! Fight!!
Freshmen yell it!"

The cafeteria filled with silence as upperclassmen waited for the new and inexperienced freshmen to take their part in the traditional Friday cheers. Eventually, as their participation increased, the freshmen made themselves heard. Though at first they were unsure of themselves and found the activity totally different from what they were used to in intermediate school, they found the enthusiasm to join in on the fun.

Sara Green admitted that even though their first try wasn't the best, "freshman spirit was better than we expected." Sara Crampton agreed, "It has been better than the other years." William Perry summed it up the best when he commented, " We feel more into the Edison spirit than the freshmen did last year."

But not all freshmen agreed. Derek Williams, Jeff Moore, and Jeff Flynn spoke for others in the class: "There isn't any." So whether you are into the spirit or not, "Whatcha gonna yell? Fight! Fight!!

-Cindy Marasigan

William Milburn
Christy Miller
Summer Milton
Nicole Misantone
Jeannette Mitchell
Jeffery Moore
Melanie Morris
Tammy Murphy
Mohammed Mustafa

Kinte Nance
Joshua Nelbach
Cydny Neville
Catherine Newman
Alfonso Nguyen
Hoang-Nga Nguyen
Phu-Vinh Nguyen
Michele Nichols
Khalil Noory

Janney Noun
Neele O'Hara
Stephen Pace
Sysouphanh Panyasithavong
Corey Parks
Nipa Patel
Michele Pecori
Jeremy Peine
Anne Pemberton

William Perry
James Peterson
Lukasz Pinkowski
Vernarda Pomarca
Allen Porche
Carlos Portillo
Lashonda Powell
Alex Quiroga
Kathy Rader

Nadia Raja
Kimberly Randolph
Michael Reyes
Lawrence Reynolds
Robyn Reynolds
Daniel Riley
Dara Roberts
Susan Robertson
Tamika Robinson

Joshua Rose
Faraji Rosenthall
Patrick Rowe
Shannon Ruempler
Douglas Russell
Robert Russell
Stephanie Sacha
Karl Sadler
Jim Sandoval

Claudia Saravia
Samantha Schmucker
Timothy Schubert
Le Ann Schueller
Elizabeth Scott
Jennifer Scott
Cristy Segura
Kristhian Senzano
Brian Shifflett

Leah Siira
Suntee Slack
Chris Smith
Ozzie Smith
Chittakone Somchanmavong
Daniel Spear
John Stipa
Angela Story
Feruza Sultany

Tahmasb Tahmasebipour
Nathan Thomas
Melissa Thompson
Scottie Tillery
Sarah Tirpak
Eric Tracy
Dung Tran
Nguyen Tran
Tad Tulo

Nikolas Uhlir
Dung Van
Doug Vass
Tammy Vaughn
Luis Vazquez
Ada Velasquez

Scott Wages
Michele Wagner
Crystal Walker
Doug West
Evelyn Whitehead
Bericka Wilkins

Derek Williams
Steve Williams
Michelle Wilson
Richie Wolfe
Preston Wray
Robert Young

Marlene Girourd

Cathy Girourd poses for her mother following a meet. A petite freshman, Cathy was a welcome addition to the gymnastics team.

Cathy Girourd demonstrates agility by inverting herself in a difficult walkover position. Cathy prides herself in her flexability.

Marlene Girourd

Memory Mates

Jeff Flynn has been a member of the Northern Virginia Hockey Club ever since he saw a Capitals game two years ago. He thoroughly enjoys playing the sport and he would really like to play for the Capitals someday. Jeff wishes he lived further north where schools offered hockey as an extra-curricular activity, but no such luck. He'll have to settle for what he's got here.

Mamie Jackson eloquently plays quarterback during freshman physical education. Carolina football is one of the most popular unit of gym. Janney Noun enjoyed rushing the quarterback to achieve a loss of yardage for the offensive team. Most freshmen find that gym is the most stress-relieving period of the seven classes they attend.

Reza Marvashti

New Talent

Each year a fresh flock of freshmen enter the next stage toward adulthood — highschool. For some freshmen it is a scary and stomach-turning adventure, but to others, it is an opportunity to show their stuff. This is when opportunity knocks for coaches to spot new athletes. Some, however, aren't just interested in school sports.

Talent and athletic skill abounds in the freshman class. Freshman Cathy Girouard is an expert in gymnastics. Competing with the United States Gymnastics Federation since she was seven years old, Cathy trains all year long to prepare for competitions between November and May. Her best achievement was two years old in a state meet when she placed 2nd All-Around and 1st on beam. A very talented and determined freshman, she said, "I am working hard and will be on Edison's team this year. In addition, I am aiming for a college scholarship."

Jeff Flynn is another outstanding freshman. When Jeff observed a Capital's game, he knew that hockey was the sport for him. He has played right wing for the Northern Virginia Hockey Club for two years. Jeff commented, "With a lot of hard work and practice, I hope to play for the Capitals someday!"

Along with outstanding athletes are freshmen with talents in drama. Kristi Dillon, who has studied drama for two years, was eager to get involved in our drama program. Kristi expressed her interest, "I love the experience of being on stage and playing a different character."

Freshman stereotypes no longer apply at Edison — the school is filled with new talent and new stars.

Crystal Ellerman

Behind the Scenes

The opening of the school year brought on a lot of tough challanges for the officers of the class of '94. Finding out right from the start that they only had $34.62 in their bank account came as a big shock. Class sponsors Mrs. Cheryl Lawrence and Mrs. Pat Edwards helped the officers think of creative fund-raising ideas. One solution was to collect class dues at the beginning of the year. Each sophomore who paid his 15 dollars received a class tee-shirt. Some other fundraisers that the officers organized were bake sales, candy sales, car washes, and the sale of refreshments at school activites. Sophomore Kate Paone remarked, "I think the year went well, our class had a lot of great ideas. The class seemed to be more spirited and active than it was last year."

The sophomore class officers included Kate Paone, President, Beth Moran, Vice-president, Holly Williams, Secretary, Allison Morton, Treasurer, and Kim Kellmel. They agreed that they all worked well together. When asked her feelings on the spirit of the class, Kim Kellmel responded by saying, "I think that our class had a lot of good ideas and we have many creative people — it was just a matter of getting things organized and bringing the ideas together to make them work. We have a lot of spirit and our hearts are in the right place."

-Beth Moran

Heather Rayfield

Beth Moran, Allison Morton, Kate Paone, Holly Williams and Kim Kellmel take time after school to go over ideas for their class.

Shannon Anderson

Kate Paone, the class of '94 president, comes back from the lunch line to sit and join her friends. Being class president wasn't all hard work.

Amy Abbott
Angela Agresto
Bobby Alexander
Pablo Alfaro
Amy Algire
Shannon Anderson
Lisa Angelini
Noreen Anwar
Lozita Arrington

Christopher Ballard
Michael Barnes
Ria Baynes
Marcus Bea
William Berry
Jessica Birt
Kevin Bouck
Anwar Bowman
Richard Bright

James Bruce

Kristy Cannon
Sandra Cansler
Elizabeth Carrero
Kelley Caspar
David Castillo
Mario Castro
Bryan Catlett
Jeffery Cheng

Tatiana Chestnutt
Imran Choudhry
Hung Chung
Leslie Cochraham
Erin Conway
John Coppock
Jackie Covey
Aaron Covington
Edward Crawford

Son Dang
Calvin Davis
Helen Davis
Darren Day
Christina Dea
Teresa Del Castillo
Jason Demarest
Shannon Dewhirst-Gasper
Hung Dinh

Michell Dixon
Christopher Dubreuil
Carrie Edson
Russell Edwards
Daniel Eiskant
Duane Eiskant
Michael Emerson
James Ernst
Sumeet Erry

Sharon Ezzeldin
Dan Farmer
Barnaby Felton
Diego Figueroa
Melissa Fissell
Trish Fix
Sarah Fondriest
Djakarta Ford
Laurel Freige

David Friedlander
Brian Gainer
Gary Gallahan
Marjorie Gallahan
Jose Gonzalez
Robert Goodman
Tiana Griffin
Charles Grimsley
Butch Hakenson

Mariam Hamidi
John Hartman
Christina Hastings
Andrew Hathorn
Thomas Haury
Crystal Henry
Ryan Herring
Christopher Hotnisky
Bobbie Huffine

Jennifer Huffman
Nathan Hurto
Nilofar Husseini
Supanee Hutasewee
Christopher Johnson
Alexander Jones
Bobby Jones
Darion Jones
Monica Jones

Latoya Jordan

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Joel Kurtz
Cheryl Leatherman
Heather Lee
Rick Leroy
Cathy Lewis
Scott Liming
Amelia Logan
Phyllis Lovelace

Quyen Ly
Heather Lynch
Kelly Mann
Shatori Mann
Cindy Marasigan
Ricardo Marasigan
Carrie Marshall
Juan Martinez
Christina McBrayer

David McClelland
Cindie McCoy
Jose Medrano
Sofia Mejia
Herber Melgar
Kim Miller
Kenna Mills
Mark Montano
Walter Montiel

David Moody
Ana Morales
Laura Morales-Padilla
Beth Moran
Rebecca Morrison
Allison Morton
Ruth Ann Moy
Ben Mun
Caroline Mwendwa

Dominique Nance
Thinh Nghiem
Victoria Nguyen
Kate Paone
Michael Paugh
Amber Perkins
Kelli Perkins
Anna Peterson
Lana Pham

Subyn Phillips
Tim Pich
Magdalena Pinkowski
Jimmy Poirier
Brian Pratt
Phantamith Prompol
Wajid Raja
Debbie Ramsdell
Michael Ranglin

Chuck Grimsley and Monica Jones are left to talk with other classmates after taking a quiz. Sometimes students were lucky enough to get free time.

Laura Friege and David Moody listen attentively as Chuck Grimsley reads the correct answer to the question on the quiz paper.

Shannon Anderson

DeAnn Lance

Cruisin'

The thing most sophomores were especially excited about was finally being able to drive.The driver's education courses took place during the second and third quarters and because of the course, sophomores got a break from gym. Also, even if a student were only 15, after taking the course the student could at least get his or her permit.

Having to take the course during the sophomore year of school caused a problem for those who had already turned 16. Sophomore Kelli Perkins told us, "I could have taken the course outside of school, but then I would've had to pay for it and I just didn't have the money." Some, however, decided they just couldn't wait to drive and went ahead and fulfilled the requirements. Heather Lee commented, "I had to take all my driving courses during the summer, but it was worth it. I feel I have more freedom having my own car."

The students who took the course got a chance to get out of gym, but were loaded down with the responsibility of learning rules they probably didn't even know existed. The students who completed the course could then go on to "Behind the Wheel." All of this just to be "licensed to drive".

-Shannon Anderson

Why Are You Late?

"Am I late? Me?" 'Uh, My watch broke." "I, uh, lost track of time. . ." Does this sound familiar? These days sophomores are at the in-between age where they don't have to be in before sunset, but they do have to be in before sunrise.

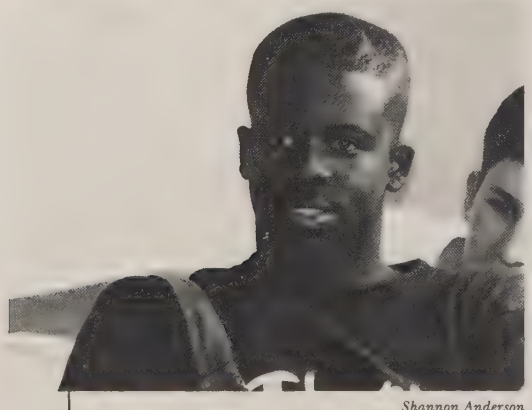
Fifty sophomores filled out a questionnaire about curfews. The curfews for weekdays and weekends ranged between 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Then there were the few who didn't have a curfew at all, either weekends or weekdays. Heather Lynch said, "It all depends on what I'm doing. Sometimes my parents let me stay out to dawn. Sometimes I have to be home at nine."

"What is your personal favorite excuse for being late?" was one of the questions asked. There were some outrageous responses. "I had to sing 'Happy Birthday' to my friend's mom;" "I forgot where I lived;" "The movie was postponed two hours;" "I couldn't find my way back home;" and "Am I late?" Another problem for students was that most parties didn't start until 9:00 or 10:00 p.m. Leslie Cochraham said, "I don't have to worry because I don't have a curfew." In any case, each student dealt with the problem and had fun anyway, no matter what time he had to be in.

-Beth Moran

Beth Moran

A group of sophomores sit at lunch and discuss one of their friends who got caught coming in one night from sneaking out.



Shannon Anderson

William Berry sits in math class and daydreams about how he would escape his house during the wee hours of the night.

Michelle Riche
Lisa Riley
Walter Rivas
Michelle Roberts
Melissa Roche
Hilton Rodriguez
Alma Roque
Brian Rosman
Jontae Ross

Cynthia Russell
John Sandoval
Doug Schoonmacker
Kevin Schutte
Chris Scott
Thomas Scott
Stephen Shapiro
Ryan Shaughnessy
Stephanie Shaw

Angela Short
Brian Simental
Jon Simler
Kevin Simmons
Paul Simpson
Karina Sirvas
Cholena Smith
Lisa Smith
Stephanie Smith

Ginger Smith
Vera Somchanmavong
Paula Soto
Amath Soulamany
Amy Stafford
April Stasulis
Patricia Staub
Andrew Stevenson
John Stewart

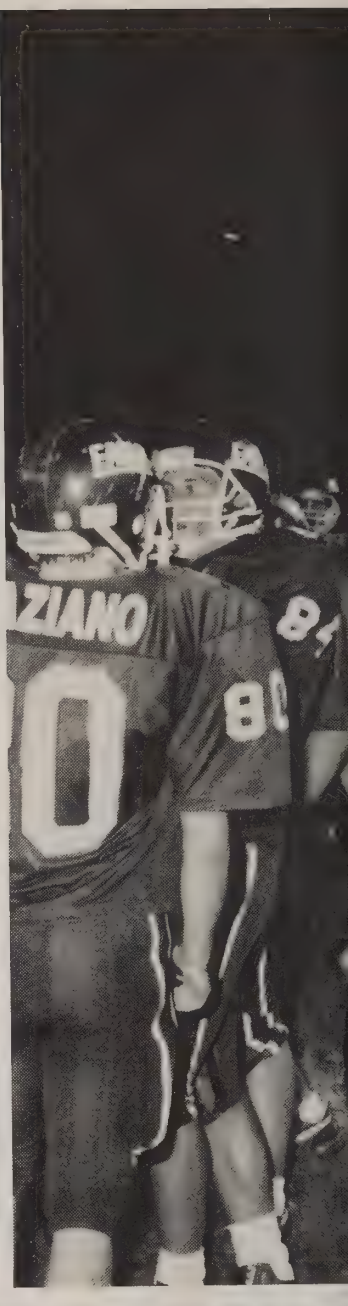
Michelle Stull
Mike Summons
Mirza Temuri
Ida Tennant
Xia To
Aaron Toscano
Thao Tran
Emilie Truong
Rudolph Tyson

Lowell Usrey
Andy Vanderpool
Oscar Vasquez
Vicki Wagner
Sagina Wahi
Chris Walker
Jennifer Wallace
Jacob Weiner
Amy Weinhold

Aaron Wells
Melissa Wickert
Maggie Wilks
Holly Williams
Latasha Williams
Ronnie Wingo
Roni Witol
Jose Zelaya

Richard Miester shows his spirit after the Eagles make a touchdown at the homecoming game. Class spirit, as well as school spirit, was important to him.

A group of sophomores huddle together to discuss their plans during their class follies. Bobby Alexander, Kim Kellmel, Brad Kosatka, Leslie Cochrahan and Darren Day discussed their next move.



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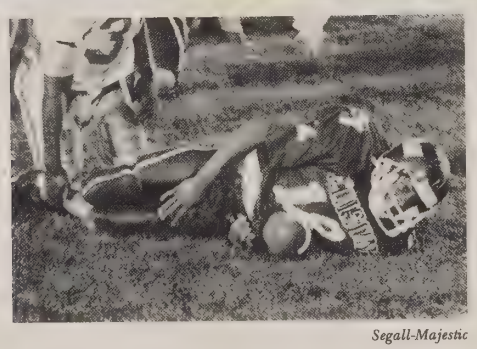

Segall-Majestic

Darion Jones is tackled by a West Potomac Wolverine, but he wasn't down for long.

Kelly Casper, Michelle Roberts and Kelli Perkins show their spirit as the "Three Little Eagles."

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Cindy Marasigan

Lana Pham

Amy Algire is pepping up the crowd for the first home game.

Michelle Roberts shows her class spirit with other sophomores at the first pep rally.

'94 Rocks

Pep rallies were the perfect way to test class and school spirit and the sophomores definitely showed that spirit was one thing they didn't lack. "We have more class spirit than school spirit," remarked Chuck Grimsley. Jimmy Campbell added, "We show our spirit when it counts." When the sophomore class was introduced nothing stopped them from expressing their pride and spirit. Sophomore Angie Agresto commented, "I think we're awesome! I think we're the loudest class and we cremate the others!"

Another way the class of '94 showed their spirit was by spending long strenuous hours preparing for homecoming week. The float was built at Kim Kellmel's house and she commented, "It was a lot of fun having everything at my house, but also a lot of work. I didn't mind though since all our hard work paid off." The float came in next after the juniors and was considered one of the most creative. The theme for the sophomore float was taken after the "Three Little Pigs", but was really the "Three Little Eagles," the hall theme was "Jack and the Beanstalk," and the theme for follies was "Little Red Riding Hood." The float contained a room-like setting with a fireplace and cauldron. Sophomores Kelli Perkins, Kelley Caspar, and Michelle Roberts rode the float dressed as "the three little EAGLES!"

The follies cast included 15 talented sophomores and the hall decorations were terrific. The float won "Most Organized", the hall received "Most Organized", and follies received "Most Theme-Oriented."

This year proved well for the sophomores who have improved greatly from last year and will keep getting stronger. They can truthfully say that '94 Rocks More!

-Shannon Anderson

Someone's Got To!

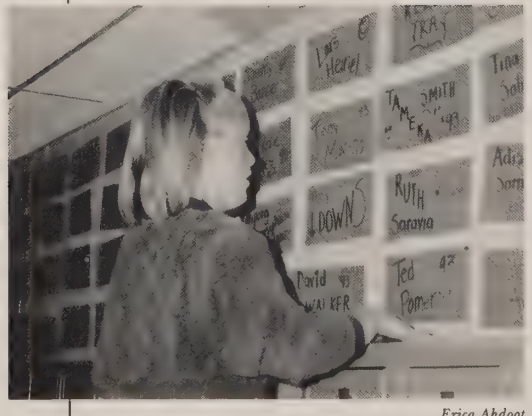
"We had the most spirit this year as a whole than we've ever had," said Brooke Wilbraham. The junior class did particularly well during spirit week. They received high marks for their homecoming float, follies and hall decorations. "We placed a lot better than I expected we would," replied Melissa Lawrence.

Spirit Week was just the one of many events in which the junior class participated during the course of the year. At one of their two candy sales they earned about $1200 dollars. With the help of the sponsors, Mrs. Wasalaski and Mrs. Weatherford, they also sponsored the refreshment stand during the powder puff game. In the spring they held a flea market to raise money for their prom.

The 1993 class officers for the 91-92 school year were President, Brooke Wilbraham, Vice-president, Benton Chrea, Secretary, Janet Ramsey, Treasurer, Melissa Lawrence, and Historian, Rosalind Choates. They all showed great spirit in working together this year and completed many of their projects before schedule.

-Molly Moore

Heather Rayfield



Erica Ahdoot

Janet Ramsey, Brooke Wilbraham, Melissa Lawrence, Benton Chrea, and Rosalind Choates were the class officers for the junior class.

Missy Cooper puts up yellow bricks with the names of the people in the junior class. The Wizard of Oz was the theme created by the class officers.

David Agranov
Jessica Aguilar
Marc Aigret
Sharon Allison
Jeny Amaya
Jose Amaya
Maria Anastasiou
Santos Ayala
Sadia Baig

Dale Ballard
Tommy Banner
Dave Beatty
Jason Beaulieu
Ashley Becker
Michael Bekele
Oscar Berrios
Cyndie Boehm
Dennis Bokman

Michael Bradeen
Philip Bradeen
Charles Busey
Jason Card
Lori Carroll
Mario Casale
Zoraida Catubay
Nora Cerna-Funes
Ana Chadwick

Jennifer Chevalier
Sarah Chiles
Rosalind Choates
Mi-Young Choi
Benton Chrea
Yang Chung
Katy Cilinski
Amy Claussen
Steve Connaughton

Missy Cooper
Troy Cornett
Stacee Cress
Bill Cruikshank
David Curtis
Judy Dalie
Melissa Denbo
Nikki Deswarte
Becky Devers

Cindy DeWitt
Craig Diaz
Tony Dowden
Amy Downs
Wendy Duckett
Kelly Duncan
Josh Edson
Krista Estes
Julie Fernald

Jon Fernandez
Jeff Fisher
Ryan Fleming
Chad Foster
Javi Fuentes
Kristie Furuya
Jenny Gallahan
Nichole Gant
Sheryl Grabowski

Nicky Graziano
Sean Grier
Jeff Grynaviski
Kate Hadley
Bobby Hakenson
Shannon Hall
Abir Halloun
Jane Hamilton
Roger Harris

Angela Harrison
Ferozan Hashimi
Bethany Hastings
Erick Hathorn
Megan Hawkins
Lars Heinel
Michael Hendrickson
Jose Hernandez
Sara Hernly

Ann Herring
Joe Hildebrand
Lawanda Hopkins
Wendy Howard
MaryBeth Hribar
Amy Hudson
Amy Hulbert
Darrell Hunt
Abid Hussain

Carla Jackson
Ashley Jalette
Kim Jenkins
Elias Joya
Allyson Kemper
Kim Kersey
Maliha Khan
Elyas Khawarzad
Erin Klanderman

Danny Klinkert
Tracy Knapp
Sonia Knurana
John Kolb
Peter Krein
Damon Kressin
Shannon Kruck
Orench Lagman
Adam Lare

Melissa Lawrence
Ngoc Le
Inku Lee
Sun Lee
Mike Lewis
Kirk Little
Bill Malone
Leslie Mantiply
Andre Marshall

David Martin
Heather Martin
Lorie Mason
Stephen McCarthy
Tamika McCory
Amanda McDougall
Ryan McGuin
Mackie McManus
Steve Miller

Andy Million
Joy Mintz
William Mitchell
Pat Mock
Doug Monson
Molly Moore
Joline Moorman
Jose Morales
John Morgan

Leigh Moro
Lindsay Moro
Ronnie Morrow
Kris Musselman
Chuck Mutter
Linh Nguyen
Tuyen Nguyen
Aziza Noory
Marcelo Nunez

Justin O'Hara
Dana Orndorff
Valerie Orton
Michael Osborne
Rowena Pangilinan
Keutmany Panyasithavong
Julie Patel
Rajju Patel
Samir Patel

Chris Paul
Jose Penaloza
Dennis Perez
Tsegaya Persons
Tuyen Phan
Allan Pich
Janet Pinkham
Theodore Pomeroy
Christy Pool

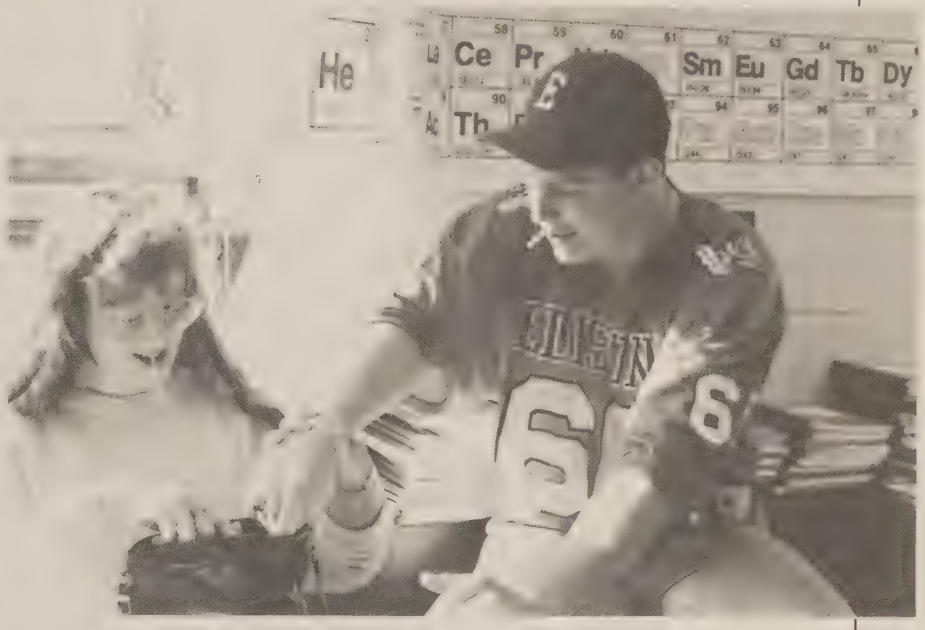
Battle of the Sexes

What would life be like without the opposite sex? Jason Sharpes replied, "There would be no life without them." Jason has a point. Flirting, dating, and those "little butterflies" you get in your stomach from being around that "certain someone" all revolve around the opposite sex, but what about the complaints we all have? What isn't so great about the opposite sex?

Bill Cruikshank didn't hesitate when asked that question. His comment was, "Girls take life with the view that everything has to be perfect or life stinks. Life is what you make it, so take what you get and make the most of it." Joe Hildebrand's only complaint was that "I don't like girls who want to play guys' sports." Kelly Duncan remarked, "Guys have their ups and downs, but the one thing I really hate is their self-centered attitude when they're around their friends. Joy Wright had a comment on insensitivity in guys when she said, "They are always saying they'll call back, but they never do."

We've discovered that girls aren't perfect whether they think they have to be or not, but guys aren't perfect either or else they'd call when they promised. Even though the opposite sex isn't perfect, forget about the negative and remember what's fun about them.

-Heather Rayfield



Heather Rayfield

Sean Grier and Mary Beth Hribar battle over the gum in her purse. Sean smiles with determination, but Mary Beth knows she'll get it first.

Heather Rayfield

Molly Moore is finally caught by Bill Cruikshank who was chasing her to apologize after a fight. Once she was caught she forgave him and they became friends again.

Bloops & Blunders

Have you ever been walking down the hallway and thought that this really cute girl or guy was talking to you, yet they were talking to the person behind you? It's pretty embarrassing, but it has most likely happened to everyone. When asked "What was your most embarrassing moment?" Danny Klinkert volunteered, "One time I had a broken leg and I was on crutches. I hobbled into school one morning after the janitors had just waxed the floor and I slipped and fell." Tsegaya Persons said, "I was going to slide down the railing on my way out of school and when I started to slide down my bookbag strap got caught on the railing and I was just hanging there." Heather Rayfield said, "I was walking down the hall and Chris Young tripped me and I slid straight down the hall with a drink in my hand, but hey, guess what? My drink didn't spill!"

So, whether you've tripped going up the stairs, tripped by someone who just wants to see you fall or been totally ignored by someone you've said "hi" to remember that we've all had our moments. No matter how embarrassing, just remember that someday you'll look back and laugh.

-Kelly Duncan

Heather Rayfield

Kelly Duncan and DeAnn Lance try to help Javier Fuentes after he had tripped and fallen with his books scattering everywhere.

Heather Rayfield

Andy Million did his best to catch the water in his mouth. Someone had jokingly put a piece of paper in the faucet to make the water spray wildly.

Amery Pore
Jose Portillo
Stephenie Prohaska
Hung Quach
Naheed Raja
Janet Ramsey
Nick Rasmussen
Felicia Rasnick
Heather Rayfield

Shawn Reece
Sheri Reeves
Jason Reichman
Jose Reyes
Maria Reyes
Desaree Riley
Dwayne Robbins
Matt Roderick
Jose Rodriguez

Jennifer Rose
Jason Ruffner
Alison Russell
Mike Ryan
Soubia Saba
Pongsak Saengnopakunsri
Maria Salamanca
Reinaldo Salamanca
Daniella Saravia

Scott Saulnier
Joshua Scheers-Masters
Rachel Schueller
John Scott
Teresa Scott
Jason Sharpes
Sandy Shipman
Lisa Shvern
Alicia Simpson

Patariya Sirodom
Crystal Smith
Tameka Smith
Mike Solis
Tina Soliz
Adisak Sornyota
Honi Spears
Kaci Spriggs
Cynthia Squire

Jon Stafford
Audre Stanfield
Presharn Stanley
Alexandra Stewart
Mia Stringfield
Derrick Tam
Markeatta Taylor
Ruth Tedla
Lindsey Tharp

Ben Thrift
Sharon Trader
Kelly Tray
Duyen Truong
Jasmine Tyler
Ngoc Van
David Walker
Jami Walker
Rob Wasalaski

Michelle Washlack
Mike Watkins
Tamim Wazeri
Berton White
James Whyte
Brooke Wilbreham
Katie Wilks
Tammy Winegar
Rhonda Wingo

Andrea Wright
Tim Wright
Mike Yacob
Hyun Yoo
Brian Young

Bearing It!

Teachers and books are what most students love to get away from in summer and dread to go back to in the fall, but there was more to school than just teachers and books. There were other things students did to pass the time and make school bearable. Being with friends, talking about the latest gossip, goofing off and all those other little things students do to pass the time.

"Being with your friends and looking forward to lunch so you can just sit and talk," is what Joy Wright said when asked what makes school bearable. Mary Beth Hribar said, "Watching the clock until it finally says 2:20," and then she added, "Also, after lunch you know there's only two more classes left." We all know what she means by "watching the clock." Leslie Mantiply laughed and said "the guys" made school bearable. "Besides being able to see my boyfriend, school's a lot easier when you like your teachers and your classes plus you're interested in the subject," was Jenny Gallahan's reply. Finally, Sean Grier was asked and he decided quickly that "School isn't bearable," but then changed his mind and said, "Girls make school bearable."

Whatever little things make school bearable, whether it be friends, lunch, or the continual contact with the opposite sex, we would still have to go to school even if it were totally unbearable. The one thing we can all be hopeful for is summer and all the holidays, but we all know when we come back it will be the same old thing. Teachers and books will last longer than our school days and will be there for our kids. And when things really get tough, think about your friends and those good things about school and when that fails just "Grin and Bear it."

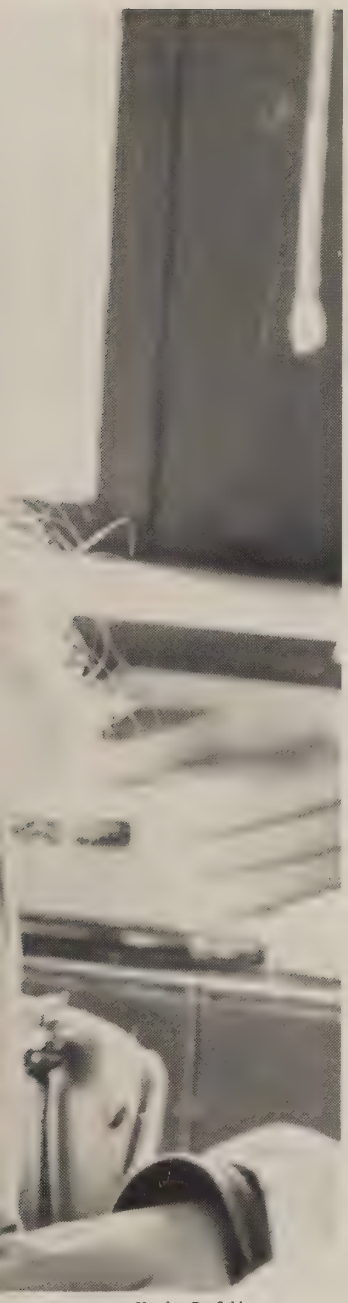
-Heather Rayfield

Kelly Duncan

By the expression on Sean Grier's face you can tell it's been a trying day.

Tom Jensen took it upon himself to make everybody's day just a little better with a smile.

Heather Rayfield



Jenny Gallahan is shocked by the lastest gossip. Students often communicated with each other by leaving notes in lockers or visiting between classes.

Nikki Deswarte takes time out to write a note to a friend during English class to pass time. Writing notes became an art for some students.

Heather Rayfield

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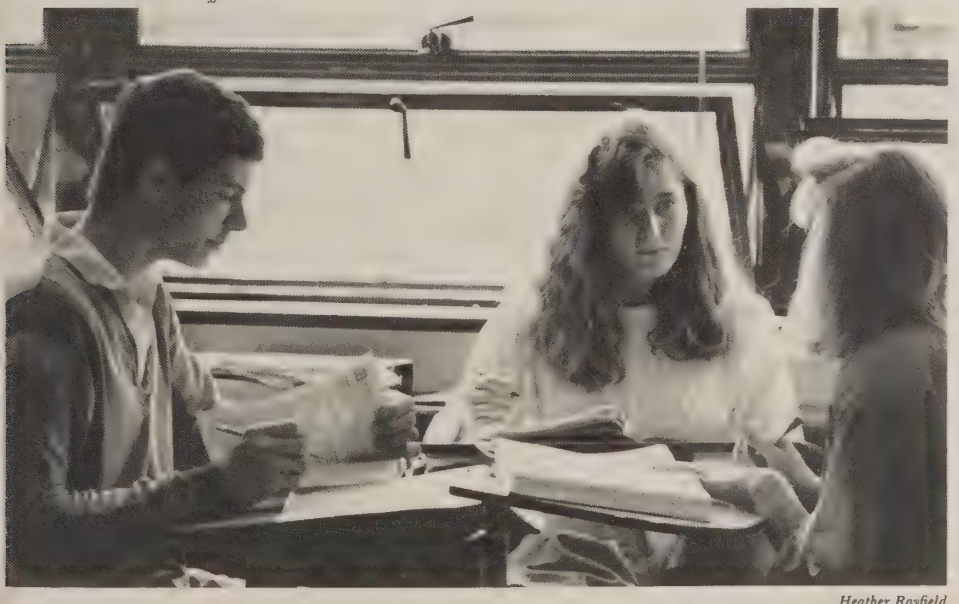

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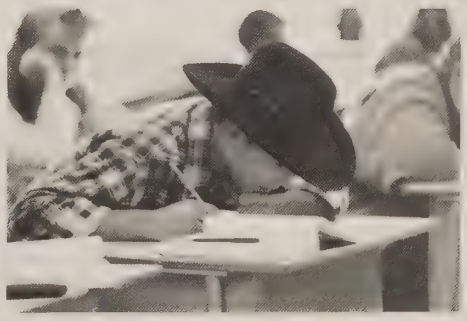


Heather Rayfield

Ashley Becker is found trying to stay awake by proping his head up on his fist. His large hat enabled him to close his eyes unnoticed for a short snooze.

Joe Hildebrand and Ashley Jalette discuss the group work with another classmate.

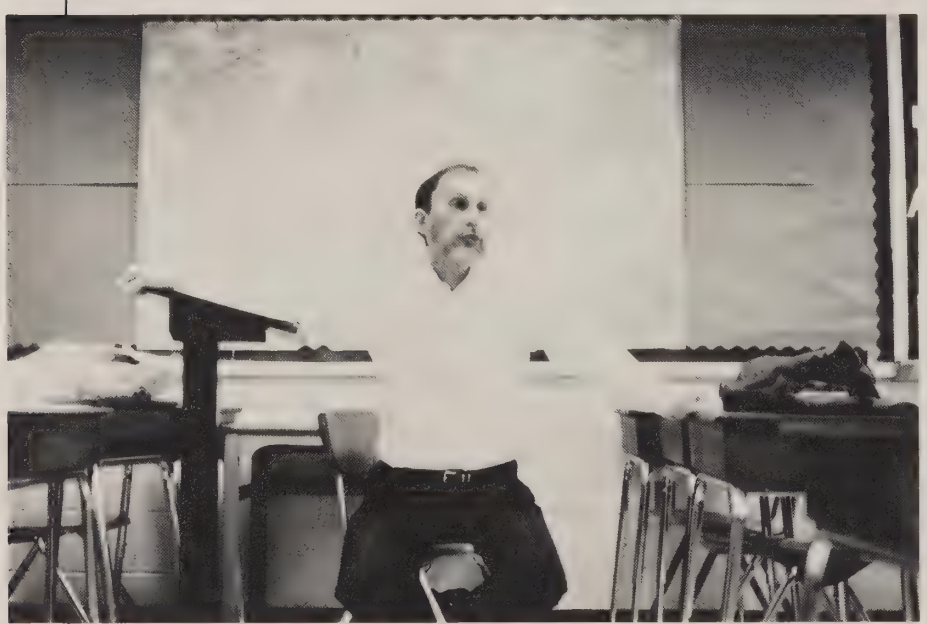
Teaching Two-by-Two

"Team teaching shows students how adults relate," commented Mr. David Zimmerman who taught American Civilization with Mr. Paul Haskell. Zimmerman added, "I get to learn new teaching styles, techniques, and strategies. I also get to learn a lot about American history."

The concept of team teaching is relatively new here, dating back only to the 1990-1991 school year. However, the concept has been well-received and has proven a worthwhile experience for many students. A former American Civilization student, senior Crystal Ellerman, said, "I liked the course because it made it seem like the day was still six periods. It was like one class. The course also helped us relate important historical events with literature." Senior Amy Dievendorf added, "There were more group discussions and I liked the variety in the teaching."

Team taught classes included American Civilization, which is a combination of eleventh grade English and American History, and World Civilizations, a combination of World History and ninth grade English. World History and Government teacher Miss Susan Gevelber said that, "English is a great compliment to history."

-Erica Haubert



Pejman Rashidi

Mr. Paul Haskell lectures students in his American History class. Mr. Haskell not only taught American Civilization with Mr. David Zimmerman, but AP American History as well.

Lana Pham

Miss Susan Gevelber utilizes her overhead projector to carry out her lesson plans. Miss Gevelber teamed up with Mrs. Rosalie Waterman, English teacher, to teach the history portion of World Civilizations.

Gladys-Cecelia Acosta Spanish
Anne Alderton SS Secretary
Liz Alexander AD Secretary
Joyce Armour Special Education
Mike Ayala School Security
Barbara Baker Algebra, Pre-Calculus
Carl Barber Geometry, Algebra
Marilyn Bart ESL
Patricia Bass Physical Education

Deborah Batzer Chemistry
Bonnie Bennett Attendance Secretary
Jody Blackwell Guidance Counselor
Marsha Blessing Keyboarding, Accounting
Isabel Bligh Reading
Cecelia Blotkamp English, Speech
Andrew Blount Algebra, Calculus
Greg Bolton School Psychologist
Mary Ann Bosley SS Principal

Elizabeth Braun Special Education
Kathy Bruhn Reading (PLP)
Michael Bullock Calculus, Algebra
Alfrida Burgess Special Education
Davis Burns American Civ, Journalism
Harold Carpenter Building Engineer
Gisela Carty German
Katherine Causby Algebra, Trigonometry
Zoraida Cintron World Cultures

Robert Clark Principal
Rusty Clauss Drama, ESL
Bill Clendaniel Vocational Principal
Josette Conell French
Mel Cowan Printing
Shirley Crabtree Cosmotology
Janice Creneti Vet Aid
Mary Ann Daly Vocational Secretary
Mary Davis Secretary

Steven Davis Auto Body
Michael Derzak Building Trades
Stuart Dopp English, American Civ
Madeline Doudaklian Librarian
Deborah Downs Special Education
Patricia Edwards Hotel Management
Priscilla Ellison Special Education
Gary Embrey Psychology
Suzanne Engles Data Processing

Susan Fenn English, Sociology
Karen Forman Counselor
Dave Freeland Athletic Director
Beverly Fulton Earth Science
Catherine Furlong Special Education
Caryn Galatis Chemistry
Scott Garretson Reading (PLP)
Susan Gevelber Government, World Cultures
Mark Glaser Special Education

Yvonne Glover Geometry, Personal Finance
Dwonna Goldstone English
Julie Jorden
Evyenia Goodrick English
Doris Gray Physical Education
Cliff Hardison Counselor
Paul Haskell American Civ, US History
Judy Heisner SS Secretary
Greg Hogue Assistant Activities Director

Dao Thi Hoi ESL
Charles Hughes Machine Shop
Mark Hyman Special Education
Lisa Irizarry US History, Leadership
Mark Johnston Physics
Joseph Jones Special Education
Margarete Jones ADP Operator
Tim Kane World History, World Civ
Corinne Kintz Spanish

Cheryl Knutsen Counselor
Lowell Koontz Planetarium Director
Joan Krautheim English
April Labanowski Chorus
Jonathan Lane Social Studies Intern
Cheryl Lawrence Fashion Merchandising
Kristen Leedom English
Ester Levitan Speech Therapist
Marilyn Lewin English

Laurie Lomisom Earth Science
Bob Maffitt Electrical Technology
Lisa Maple Work Adjustment Training
Carol Marshall SS Principal
Ron McCane Earth Science
Kathy McComb Principal's Secretary
Rena McCune English
Vivian McNeil Security
Kidist Menberu Special Education

Nancy Mishtal Geometry, Algebra
Mildred Moody Algebra, Trigonometry
John Myers Government, World Cultures
Jeanne Nelson Guidance Counselor
Mark Newcomb Carpentry
Thomas Newlun Special Education
Robbin Olmedo Typing
Christina Ong Biology
Steven Palese Electricity

Roger Pechart Technical Drawing
Becky Peck Spanish
Nancy Peterson Security
Leslie Pierce Biology, Chemistry
Martha Price Reading
Dennis Randolph Physical Education
Georgette Rhodes Special Education
Sandy Rice Clinic Aide
Allen Richburg Assistant Librarian

Georgia Riddick Guidance Director
Linda Rounsvall Information Processing
Mary Roverse Xeroxagrapher
Ronaele Schrager ESL
Sue Shepard Algebra, Computer Science
Kris Simms SS Secretary
Susan Sokoloski French, English
Robert Sorel Orchestra
Dennis Stewart Security

John Taylor Government, History
Sharon Taylor Guidance Secretary
Polly Theban ESL
Jackie Thomas Vocational Counselor
Mike Thurman Security
John Tillery Biology
Georgiana Tomisato ESL
Cleveland Walker Building Superintendant
Steven Wampler Instrumental Music

Rosalie Waterman English
Robert Watkins Auto Mechanics
Deborah Weatherford Finance Officer
Sharon Weir Office Secretary
Michael Wells Physical Education
Ed Werner Biology
Edward Wilkinson Spanish
Sue Wasalaski Office Secretary
William Wheeler Social Studies Intern

Wayne Willson Art
Diego Wilson Air Conditioning
Linda Wilson Special Education
Lindsey Wilson Librarian
Mike Worley SS Principal
David Zimmerman English, American Civ
Jim Wild Physical Education

Counselors are People, Too

Everyone is familiar with the process of signing his name on the clipboard outside his counselor's office. Sometimes it feels like you'll never get in to see your counselor. But there's a good reason for this. Each counselor can be responsible for somewhere between 200 to 250 students each. So what does this job involve anyway?

By the time a student is a senior, he has a pretty good idea of what being a counselor involves.
One of the most important functions of a counselor is the ever-famous college recommendation. The counselors know their seniors well by this time and can write a fair assessment of the student's academic and extracurricular success. But writing a well- constructed recommendation can require that all too-scarce commodity, time.

Schedule conflicts are another headache for your counselor, for schedules are not always as perfect as they seem when students construct them the year before. Since this is a small high school, course offerings are sometimes limited. Counselor Mr. Cliff Hardison said, "The master schedule doesn't have any flexibility, so it's tough."

So the next time you think that your counselor has forgotten you, or skipped the country to avoid you, remember, there are only so many hours in a day and counselors are people, too.

-Erica Haubert

Erica Haubert

Mrs. Karen Forman confers with her student assistant, junior Angie Harrison. Counselors spent much of their day meeting with students to discuss various aspects of student life.

Daniel Reed

Counselor Mr. Cliff Hardison goes over a college catalog with senior Mike Riolo. Counselors play a vital role in students' futures by helping with everything from college recommendations to job planning.

Dressing Up Makes Learning Fun

Teachers in Disguise

"It helps bring out the child in all of us," said Mrs. Kris Simms when explaining why she likes to dress up for school on Halloween. Mrs. Simms was not alone. "I like to feel like a kid again," added Mr. Mike Bullock, math teacher. "After all, I get to take my mask off one day a year." Mrs. Shirley Crabtree and Ms. Janice Creneti described themselves as "glamorous" as they helped host the vocational department's annual "Trick-or-Treat" open house for the faculty.

Faculty members had other reasons for their unusual attire. Mrs. Stuart Dopp arrived at the American Civ's "marketplace" dressed as a colonial housewife and Mr. David Zimmerman donned a black robe to portray a Puritan minister for a speech by Jonathan Edwards. "Dressing up helps bring students into the lesson and appreciate the time period we are discussing in class," explained Dopp.

"My father was a small-town lawyer in the South," said Mrs. Rena McCune, also an English teacher. "I would often sit in the courthouse balcony and watch my Daddy try cases. Some of them were unpopular so I can identify with the character Scout and her father's situation in the novel To Kill a Mockingbird." Although she is usually dressed in suits or dresses, Mrs. McCune enjoyed wearing her overalls and plaid shirt when discussing the book in class.

Mr. William Wheeler, a social studies intern, put on his tights and pantaloons to appear as the Prince of Verona in the department's fall production of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Taking part in a student play gave him additional insight into student life and rounded out his experience as an intern. "It was fun working with the kids," said Wheeler.

So if you ever bump into a monster or even a character straight out of the book you've just finished reading in English, don't consider it too out of the ordinary. It's probably just another teacher in disguise.

— *Erica Haubert*

English teacher Mrs. Rena McCune helps her students get into their novel reading by dressing as her favorite character "Scout" from Harper Lee's To Kill A Mockingbird.

Halloween finds Mr. Mike Bullock, math teacher, in disguise once again. Dressed as "The Wolfman," he terrorizes freshman Melissa Thompson.

Reza Marvashti

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Subschool II secretary Mrs. Kris Simms carries out her daily tasks in her colorful Halloween witch costume. However, anyone who wanders into the subschool knows there's nothing wicked about her.

Although this looks like the Prince of Verona, in reality, it's social studies teacher Mr. William Wheeler who got decked out to perform in the school production of Romeo and Juliet.

Reza Marvashti

Kristen Leedom

Reza Marvashti

Casting an evil eye at her class, Mrs. Sue Fenn, dressed like a nomadic gypsy, introduces a film she is about to show. She explained her Halloween philosophy: "I enjoy dressing up and taking on the persona of another character. It brings humor to others." Mrs. Fenn's blue and gold nailpolish coordinated with her paisley gown and the sequins which she had glued to her cheeks. She batted her lengthy eyelashes as she spoke. "Daaahling," she cooed, "I want you in my class . . . now!"

The Graduating

Class of 1992

ERICA KATHERINE AHDOOT "Eudes"
Class Historian 9-12; French Club 9-12; NHS 10-12; FHS 10-12; LHS 11; Keyettes 11-12; Marshall 11; SADD 12; Varsity Basketball 9-11, Captain 12; Varsity Soccer 9-11, Captain 12; Powder Puff 11-12; Yearbook 12. "Most people think great God will come from the skies, take away everything and make everybody feel high, but if you know what life is worth, you would look for yours on earth." Bob Marley

LEE SMITH AISQUITH "Twink"
FBLA 9-10; SADD 9-11; J.V. Cheerleading 10-11. "There's always a place in this world for friends."

NAVEED WASEEM AKHTAR
FBLA 10-11; French Club 12.

AHMED A. AL-HASSAN
FBLA 9-10; DECA 11-12; Soccer 9-11; SADD 11-12. "Why? Because I'm A.J.!"

CHARLES WELLS ALGIRE
Marching Band 9-12; Drill Instructor 11; Historian 11; Jazz Ensemble 9-11; FBLA 11-12; Lacrosse 11, 12. "I didn't get it, hey guys, I didn't get it!"

ASIA A. ALNAWASREN

JENNIFER CATHERINE ANAWALT "Jen-Jen"
FBLA 12. "Don't stop believin', hold on to that feelin'. . ." Journey

MELISSA MARGARET ANDERSON "Mel"
Swim Team 9-12; J.V. Soccer 10, Co-Captain 11; MHS 12; "Anything Goes" 9; NHS 11-12; Winter Guard 9-10; Eaglettes 9-12, Captain 12; Jazz Band 11; Concert Band 12; Choir 9-12, Vice-President 11, President 12; All-County Chorus 9-12; District Chorus 9-12; Powder Puff 11-12. "It's a band thing, you wouldn't understand."

RUDOLPH KURT ANDERSON

DANELLE CYNDA ARNOLD EVANS "Shortie"
FBLA 9-12; SADD 9-10; COE 12. "Time flyz when you are doing something."

CHAFIC ELIAS ASMAR "Jeff"
Swim Team 11-12; Tennis 12; FBLA 12; German Club 12; French Club 11-12; FHS 11-12. "If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?!"

RALPH CHRISTOPHER AUCELLA "Weesul"
Cross Country 9-12, Captain,12; Soccer 9-12; Indoor Track 10-12, Captain,12; Track 12; Basketball Captain, 9; Key Club 11-12; FBLA 11; Ecology 11; French Club 11-12; Science Club 11. "You don't lie to me. . .you lie to girls." Eddy

YVONNE CHRISTINA AUGER "Mike"
Basketball 9-Manager; J.V. Basketball 10, 11.

STEVEN KUMAR BANSAL "Eddy"
Soccer 9-12; Cross Country 10; Track 10; Yearbook 11-12; SADD 11-12; Key Club 11-12; FBLA 9-12; French Club 11-12; Ecology Club 11-12; Science Club 11-12. "You don't lie to me. . .you lie to girls."

MIKI SUE BARNETT

JOHNNY CHARLES BARRERA
Football Captain 12.

BRIT RAE BASHAM "Crashem"
FBLA 11-12; DECA Representative 12; Spanish Club 9; SADD 12; Softball 10-12; Powder Puff 11-12. "What are you, stupid?!"

STYLIANI I. BAVELA

BRIAN ALTON BENTON "Egg"
SGA 9-12; FBLA 10; French Club 12; Concert Choir 9-11, 12-President; Choir 9; Edison Singers 11, 12-President; District Choir 9, 11-12; All-County Choir 9-12; All-Virgina Chorus 11; SGA Morning Announcer 12; Eagle Mascot 12; J.V. Cheerleading 12; Thespian Honor Society 11-12; Youth-to-Youth 12. "Does my hair look okay?"

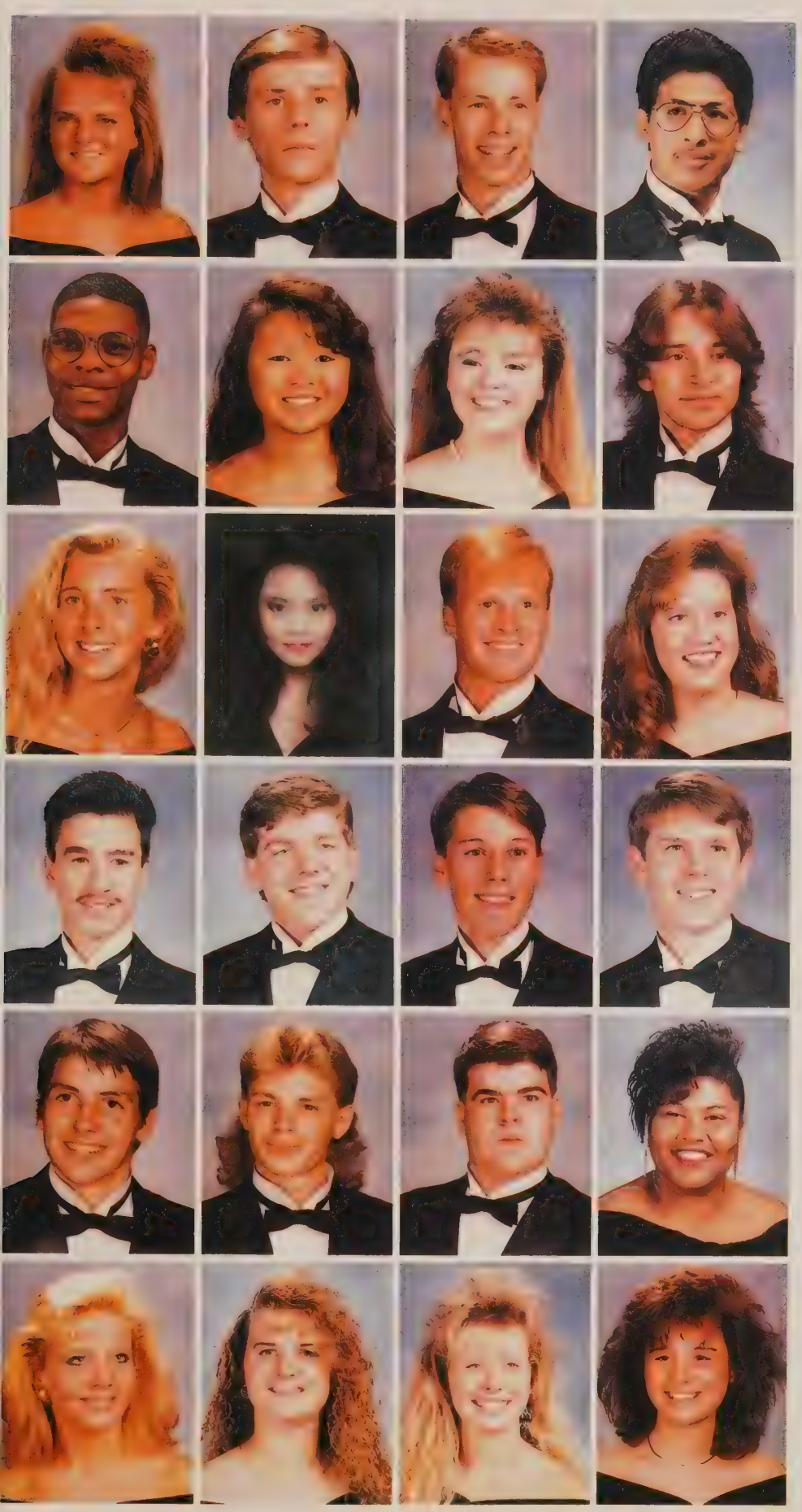
KATHLEEN MCKENNA BERGO "Katie"
FBLA 11; DECA 12. "Guess what James did?!"

GLADYS MERCEDES BERRIOS
DECA 12; Impact Club 11."Gladys was here and now she's gone; she leaves her name to carry on. . . good luck to all the seniors."

CHRISTINE LEA BLACKWELL "Chrissy"
Drama 9-12; Thespian Masquers 9-12; Band 9; Chorus 9; Forensics 10-12; German Club 9-12. "Time keeps on slippin' slippin' slippin' into the future." Steve Miller

STEVEN PAIGE BLAINE "Steeeeve"
Football 9; Drama 10-11; Thespian 9; Masquers 10; Honor Thespian 11. "You wouldn't let a burglar steal your money. So never let anyone steal your dreams."

SUSAN JANE BOTTOMLEY "Suz"
French Club 9-10, Secretary 11; President 12; "Anything Goes" 9; Keyettes 11-12; FHS 12; SADD 11; Choir, Secretary 11; Youth-to-Youth 12. "I have to go to the bathroom!!"



TABITHA ANN BREEDING

JEFFREY ALAN BROGDEN "Jeff"
Marching Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 9-12. "Work hard and you shall receive."

JERRY LEE BRUMBAUGH, II "One hung low"
Football 9, 11-12; Track 10-11; SGA Historian 11, Secretary 12. "Don't stretch the truth, it may snap back in your face."

QASIM AZIA BUTT
Football 11; Wrestling 11; Junior Math Team 10-12; Fashion Show 10-11; FBLA 10-11.

ANDREW JEFFERSON BUTTS "The Philosopher"
FBLA 11-12; Indoor Track 12; Track 11-12.

THUY VAN CAO "Ten Tall Twee"
Basketball 9-12; Softball 9; Soccer 10-11; Powder Puff 11-12; Keyettes 12. "Wasting time is useless cause we're all dust in the wind."

VIVIAN LOUISE CARTER
FBLA 12. "I'm so relieved I want to shout, I've finally found there's one way out!"

JAVIER ROLANDO CASTILLO

SARAH MICHELLE CASTLEBERRY "Blinkee"
Cross-Country 10, Captain 11-12; Indoor Track 9-10, Captain 11-12; Track 9-10, Captain 11-12; Swim Team 10-11; J.V. Cheerleading 10; Varsity Cheerleading 11; Powder Puff 11; NHS 11-12; MHS 10, Treasurer 11, 12; GHS 10, Vice President 11, 12; German Club 10-11, President 12; SGA 10, Committee Head 11; SADD 11-12. "With hard work, all your goals can be achieved."

SONDAVINE CRYSTAL CHREA "Crystal"
SADD 9-11; FBLA 9-11; NHS 10-12; Keyettes 11-12; SHS 11, President 12. "Oh no, not the Forbidden Banana Dance again!"

PAUL ANTHONY CLEMENTS

MARIA INES COLORADO

JEFFREY JAMES COMPTON "Birdie"
Wrestling 9-10; FBLA 10-12; COE 12; Spanish Club 9. "Come meet my little friend!"-Pachino

KIRK EDWARD COPPLE "Stick"
Cross-Country 10; Track 10; Key Club 10-12; FBLA 11-12; DECA 12; French Club 12; German Club 12. "A lot better than average."

GRANT RAGAN COTTINGHAM
Soccer 11-12; Forensics 11. "The more you push, pull, refine, and define your destiny, the greater your chances of carving out a place in history."

AARON ROBERT CRANE
Marching Band 9, 11; Symphonic Band 9, 11; NHS 10-12; J.V. Football 10; Lacrosse 11; Model UN 11-12. "Tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."-Malcolm X

WILLIAM ROBERT CULP

BRIAN MARC DAVIS
Marching Band 9-12; Concert Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Band Council President 12; Section Leader 12; French Club 9-10; It's Academic 12; Erudite 11; Spring Musical 10. "The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop at late or early hour. Now is the only time you own: live, love, toil with a will, place no faith in tomorrow for the clock may then be still."

KENNETH LONZO DAWSON

NINA RENEE DECK "Foxy"
Chorus 9-10; MPAC 11. "Always speak your mind, never let anyone speak it for you."

MELISSA DEVERS

AMY DAGGETT DIEVENDORF
Soccer 9-12; Basketball 9-12; Varsity Cheerleading 10-11; Yearbook Staff 11-12; SADD President 12. "You know where I've been; I know where I'm going."

KIMBERLY ANNA DOWNS "Beast"
SADD 12, Cheerleading 9; Basketball 9-12; Soccer 9-12; FBLA 10-12; Spanish Club 9-10; French Club 12; Powder Puff 11-12; Youth-to-Youth 12. "Bok-Bok-Bogok!"

KRISTINE ANN DRISKILL

LUTHER CHANDLER DUDDRIDGE
Thespian/Masquers, 11-12.

CHRISTOPHER STEVEN DUNN
"Chubby"
FBLA 11-12; French Club 11-12; Baseball 12. "I may speak softly but I carry a big stick."

MAGGIE ELDAK "Mags"
Youth-to-Youth 11-12; French Club 12; Concert Choir 12; Chorus 12; Soccer 9, 12; Debate 12. "The past cannot be changed, but the future is whatever you want it to be."

CRYSTAL RAE ELLERMAN "Cryt"
Cheerleading 9-11; Basketball 9-12; Soccer 9-11, Captain 12; Powder Puff Captain, 12; SADD Secretary, 12; Homecoming Court, 9-12. "I think it's the end of progress if you stand still and think of what you've done in the past. I keep on."-Leslie Caron

SHANNON LEIGH ELLIOTT
"Shanananana"
FBLA 10-11; Executive Reporter,11; French Club 9-10. "Anyway."

WILLIAM MICHAEL EVANS
Basketball 9-12; Baseball 10-12; SADD 9-12; MHS 9; Junior Math League 9-10; Follies 10, 12.

CLARENCE ALBERT FARMER, JR.
Track 11-12; Baseball 10-12; Football 12; "Watch out for the fence."

SARAH ANN FELLENBAUM "Pelo"
Marching Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 9-12; District Band 9-12; Drama 9; FBLA 11-12; Keyettes 12; Edison Band Hall of Fame 11-12; Powder Puff 11-12. "Like, it's a blonde thing, even I don't understand."

ERIN E. FENSTOMOCHER "Perm-A-Grin!"
Band 9-10; Cheerleading 12; VICA 11-12 President 12; "I'm not wrong, just confused."

JONATHAN EMIL FIENCKE "Jon"
Drama 9-12; Historian 11, Treasurer 12; SGA 9-10; German Club 10-12, Historian 11, Treasurer 12; GHS 10-12; Indoor Track 12. "Without ugliness there is no beauty"

THOMAS EDWARD FIENCKE
Art Club 9-10; Drama 9-11; Thespian/Masquers 10-11; German Club 9-11; Erudite 12. "Freedom in wilderness is better than saftey in civilization."

ERICK V. FIGUEROA

GILLIAN MISSTASSIN FLOWER
"Gillibaby" Cheerleading 11-12; Powder Puff 12; Swim Team 12. "Of course I'm in shape. . . a nice circular one!"

MARY MARGARET FONDRIEST
Newspaper 9-11, Managing Editor 11; German Club 12; Erudite 12. "Everybody dies frustrated and sad and that is beautiful."

BRIAN EUGENE FOWLER

ANDREW BRANCH FOX "Andy"
Football 9-12; Band 9-11; Baseball 10-12. "It's the thought that counts."

ALFRED H. FRAZIER, III

KELLY LYNN FREDERICK "Fred"
Class Vice President 9; President 10, 12; SGA 9-12; French Club 9-11; Youth to Youth 11-12; Cheerleading 9-12,Co-Captain 12; Swimming 9; Gymnastics 10-11; Keyettes 11-12; Soccer 9-11; FBLA 10; SADD 11-12. "Always shoot for the moon, because even if you miss, you'll still land in the stars."

JAKRAPHAN FRIEND

ERICK FELIPE GASKIN III

CHRIS GERHARDT

SHELBY LYN GILLIAN

SANDY N. GIRARD
SGA 11-12, Treasurer 12; NHS 10-11, President 12; Current Staff 11, Editor-in-Chief 12; Keyettes 11-12; FHS 10-12; Youth-to-Youth 11; FBLA 10; Korean Club 9; Science Club Secretary 12; It's Academic 12; Girl's State 11; French Club 9; Debate 11, Treasurer 12; Forensics 10; Model UN 12; Junior Math League 10. "To those of you who were always there, you have my gratitude, friendship, and loyalty always."

GRETCHEN BERNETTA GIST "G money"
VICA 11, Vice President 12; MPAC 11; Basketball 12. "Love, peace, and black[illegible]ss."

SAHANNA GIST "Shanie"
Band 9-11; Color Guard 11-12; MPAC Secretary 10, Vice President 11, President 12; IMPACT Gospel Choir 11; Chorus 9; Keyettes 11-12; Spanish Club 10. "Yeah, I know, right."

CAROL JONQUIL GOODE "Sweets"
SADD 12; FBLA 11-12; Cheerleading 9-11; MPAC 9, 10, Historian 11. "Cuz we rollin' like daaat!"

ERIK GOODMAN
Band 9-12; Soccer 10; Lacrosse 11.

CHARLES L. GREEN, JR.
Debate 9-10,Vice-President 11, President 12; French Club 9-11; English Team 10-11, Secretary 12; Interact 11; It's Academic 12; Model UN 11-12; Boy's State 11. "The first right of man is his ego."- Ayn Rand

HELEN MONIQUE GUEST "Helen 'The' Guest" SADD 9-11. "The eyes are the window to the soul!"

ASHRAF AYED HALIM
SADD 11-12; FBLA 11-12; TSA 11-12; Basketball 9, 11. "Look out for #1 but don't step on #2."

EDWARD RAYMOND HALL
Football 9-12; Lacrosse 11-12; Soccer 9; "Hi Ho, Hi Ho, it's off to the DELI we go."

JONG-PIL HAM

ROBERT JOHN HARTMAN "Bobby"
Football 9; Basketball 10-12; Baseball 10-12; FBLA 10-11; Spanish Club 10-11; Honor Guard 11. "Live long and prosper a million bucks worth."

ERICA JOY HAUBERT "Eudie"
Tennis 10-11, Captain 12; Soccer 10-12; Basketball 10-12; Keyettes 11-12; NHS 10-12; FHS 9-12; Student Leadership 9-12; Class Secretary 9-12; Youth-to-Youth 11-12; SADD 12; Powder Puff 11-12. "Oh Baby Baby it's a wild world, but I'll always remember you just like a child. -Cat Stevens

ERICA DAWN HEATH "Icky D"
Soccer 10; DECA 10-12; "Life's sweet and I'm eatin' it up."

RONNIE LYNN HIGHNOTE
Football 9, 12; Baseball 12. "Bye! Bye! Jerry!"

AMALIE SUE HOFBAUER "Ames"
Field Hockey 10-12 (Captain); SADD 11-12; Keyettes 11-12 (Secretary); Spanish Club 11-12; SHS 12; MHS 12; NHS 12. "Good friends we had, and good friends we've lost along the way. In this great future, you can't forget your past." -Bob Marley

CHRISTOPHER B. HOLM "Peach"
Marching Band 9-12, Assistant Drum Major 12; Concert Band 9-12; Band Council 11, Vice-President 11; Jazz Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Swim Team 9-12; TSA 11-12; Spring Musical 10. "What do you mean it's time, time for me to grow up? I don't want any part, it's right to follow my heart."- Gorilla Biscuits

KIMBERLY SHARLAE HOUSTON "Kim"
Spanish Club 9; Vocal Ensemble 10, 12; MPAC 10-11; Interact 11-12; FBLA 11. "Unh-Unh"

FELICIA DOMINIQUE HYDEN "Licia"
Vocal Ensemble 9-10, Secretary/Treasurer; Concert Choir President 11; Spanish Club 11; Science Club 11; Interact 9; Pep Squad 11. "Think I didn't, when I did."

TARINA JAGHORI

AHMAD TOMMI JAMI
FBLA 11-12; German Club 10-11; DECA 12; Yearbook Staff 12; Indoor Track, Lacuroso Spanish Club 10-12; Student Leadership 11; JV Football 10. "Mr. Worley, I swore it was O'Doels!"

MARC E. JIMENEZ
Football 9-12; Baseball 9-10; Wrestling 9-10; FBLA 9-12. "I might stumble but I still won't lose."

PATRINA ANN KANDUL "Trina"
Keyettes 11; FBLA 12; Current Staff 9-10; Swim Team Manager 11. "Thank goodness, it's over! Party Time!!"

BRIAN JOSEPH KAUFFMAN "Doo-Doo Brown"
Football 9-10; Wrestling 10; SADD 12.

CARRIE LYNNE KEENER "Weener"
FBLA 11-12; DECA 12; Powder Puff 12; Swim Team 12; SADD 12; Drama 11-12. "Carrie King how's it hangin'?"

HWA YEONG KIM "Hwaghina"
FBLA 10-11; Softball 11-12; Cheerleading 10-11; Powder Puff 11. "If you are to be cocky, make sure you can back up your words — I know I can."

AMY LOUISE KING "Amos"
FBLA 10-12; French Club 12; Youth-to-Youth 12. "Doesn't matter."

CARRIE ELIZABETH KING "Cur"
Field Hockey 10; Basketball 9-12; FBLA 9-11; DECA 11-12, Secretary 12; Keyettes 11-12; Spanish Club 10; SADD 10-12; French Club 12; Youth-to-Youth 12; Honor Guard 11; Powder Puff 11. "By one strap only Weener!"

SANDRA L. KING "Betsy"
FBLA 12, SADD 12; German Club 9-10; Current Staff 10-11; Powder Puff 12 (Manager). "Of all the things big and small I've hated high school most of all!"

SHARON KLINKERT "Klink-Klink"
Basketball 9; FBLA 9; VICA 10, 11, Vice-President, 12. "Judge yourself before you judge others!"

CARLA MAE KOMICH
SGA 9-10; SAC 11; Basketball 10; Soccer 10-11; Diving 11; Keyettes Vice-President 11, President 12; Ecology Club 11; SADD 9-12; French Club 9-12; Debate 10-11, Historian 12; Powder Puff 11-12. "The world exists only for you. As is your soul, so is the fate of the world."

MICHELLE LYNN KUC

DEANN LANCE "Stormin Mormon"
Field Hockey JV 9, V 10-12 (Tri-Captian 12), Indoor Track 10-12, Powder Puff 12, FBLA 9-10, SADD 9-12, Keyettes 11-12, Basketball JV 9/ V 11-12, Current Staff 11, Yearbook 12, Leadership 11, Youth to Youth 12

QUYEN V. LE "The Mighty Iesha"
DECA 12; FBLA 12; Intramural V-ball 9-10; Basketball 9-12; Vietnamese Club 9-10; Congress Scholar 10-11; Presidential Physical Fitness Award 9-10; SADD 9. "True friends are like diamonds, precious but rare, False friends are like autumn leaves scattered everywhere."

CHUL-MIN LEE

JESSICA LYNN LETKIEWICZ"Jess"
Marching Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 9-12; Outdoor Track 9-10; JV Cheerleading 10; Wrestling Manager 11-12; FBLA 12; German Club 12."1-900-WAA-AHHH Ext. Boo-Hoo Line: I Don't Care!"

ANGELIA JOY LEWIS"Angie"
Cheerleading 12; DECA 12; Powder Puff 12; Softball 12; Swimming 12. "Remember loved ones, but NEVER forget your friends!"

LAURA JEANNE LEWIS
FBLA 10-11 (V.P. 11); Debate Team 10-12, V.P. 12; Keyettes 11-12; SADD 10; French Club 9-11; FHS Treasurer 12; Girl's State 11; JV Basketball 9; JV Soccer 10; Swimming 11-12; Field Hockey 11; JV Cheerleading 10; Math Team 10-12; Model U.N. Treasurer 11, 12. "The memories we share are longer than the road that streches out ahead of us." -The Beatles

DANIEL EDWARD LLOYD

JASON WATTS LLOYD

MICHELE CAROL LYNCH "L"
Current Staff 9-10; French Club 9-12; FHS 10, Historian, 12; NHS 10-12, Keyettes 11-12, Swim/Dive 11; Honor Guard 11; Ecology Club 11-12. "Don't walk behind me for I may not lead. Don't walk ahead of me for I may not follow. But walk beside me and be my friend."

ROXANNE RENEE MADDOX "Roxy"
Gymnastics Manager 9-10; Softball 10; VICA 10-12, Historian, 12. "Don't be a fool Gee, stay in school, peace."

EBONY NICOLE MADISON

JO ANN MAILLET "Mallet"
Concert Choir 10, Edison Singers 11-12, Secretary, 12; Thespian-Masquers 10, President 11, 12. "Nobody, I think, is in my tree. Misunderstanding all they see. It's getting hard to be someone, but all works out. It doesn't matter much to me."- Lennon/McCartney

ARIEL B. MARASIGAN

DAVID JOHN MARTIN

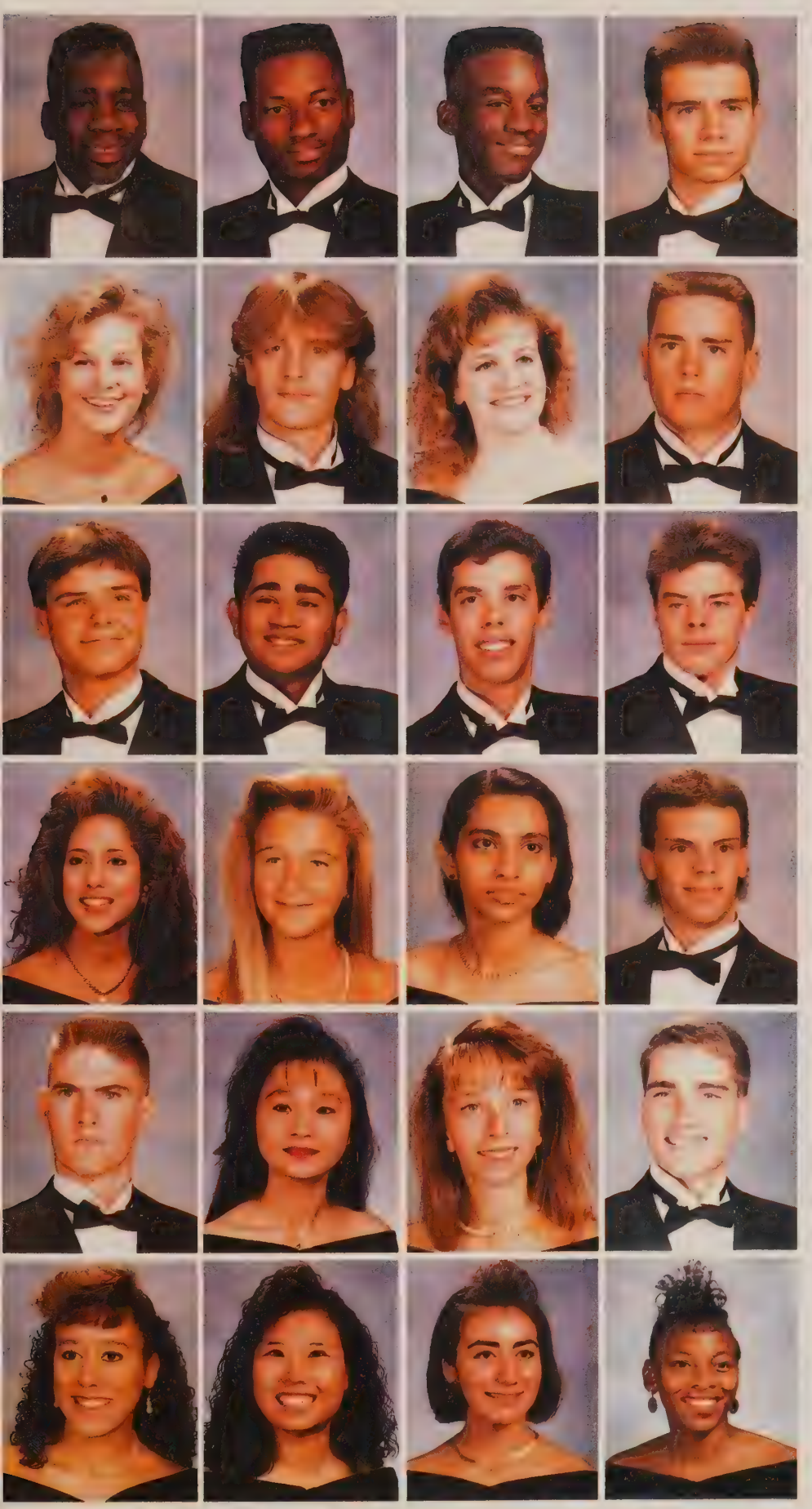
REZA AARON MARVASHTI "Boom-Boom"
Football 9-12; Wrestling 9; Youth-to-Youth 11-12; DECA 12; Soccer 10-11, Captain 12; Yearbook 10, Photography Editor 11-12. "If you want to hoot with the owls at night you've got to learn to fly with the eagles in the morning."

EUGENE WILLIAM MAYS "Big Gene"
Football 9-12; Basketball 9-10; Wrestling 11-12; Track 9-12; FBLA 9-12; MPAC 9-11; Honor Guard 11. "Four years seems far away, but it is as close as the next day."

JUAN F. MAZARIEGOS

DANIEL JAMES MCCUTCHEN "D-Man"

SHARON JOANN MCKAY "Shades"
FBLA 9; 11-12; DECA 10. "Embrace life with open arms and an open mind. Don't judge others based upon second hand knowledge."



ANTHONY DESHAWN MCKOY
ZELDON JAMES MCQUEEN
KEVIN T. MEBANE
Football 10-11; Track 10-12; Cross-Country 12; FBLA 9; 11-12.
KRIKOR KOKO MELKISETEKIAN
"Koko"
"It's an Armenian thing, you wouldn't understand."

MELISSA BETH MERENESS "Missy"
Choir 9; Powder Puff 11; SADD 12; FBLA 12; Yearbook 12; Current Staff 11-12. "Tomorrow people, where is your best? Tomorrow people, how long can you last? Don't know your past-Don't know your future."-Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers
THOMAS TYRONE MIDDLEBROOKS
CHERYL LYN MILLER "Shirley"
Chorus 9; Drama 9; VICA State Conference 10-12; "Saand-Maan!"
HENRY TYLER MILLER "Hank"

SHANE TODD MILLS
Football 9-10; SADD 12; VICA 12. "That's all you!"
KHALED SHAMS MIRZA
HENRY THOMAS MLODOZENIEC "H"
Tennis 9-12; SGA 9-11, Vice President 11, President 12; Boy's State 11; French Club 9-11; Key Club 10-11 Historian; It's Academic 11; FHS 10-11; Second Place National History Day 11; Best in State-VA History Day 11; Math Team 10-11. "Nail it, Nail it, Pledge Allegience, Kick the Dirt and Drive the Bus."
DANNY RAY MODESITT
Football 9-12; Lacrosse 11-12. "I'm chillen like Bob Dylan"

HOPE ELIZABETH MORAN "Hopita"
Chorus 9; FBLA 11-12; DECA 12. "When times are bad and it's hard to cope. Need not to worry there's always Hope."
MARGARET ASHLEY MORTON "Mags"
Soccer 9-12; Field Hockey 10-12 (Tri-Captain); FBLA 10-11; French Club 12; Yearbook 12; Current Staff 11-12; SADD 12; Youth-to-Youth 12; Powder Puff 12.
SHAILY B. NAIR
Interact; Keyettes; Junior Math League; English Team (Vice President); Ecology Club. "Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it." -Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
ROBERT THOMAS NEWKIRK

JOHN DENNIS NEWMAN
FBLA 9-10; Youth-to-Youth 11; Baseball 9; Basketball 9-12; Football 9-12 (Captain). "When all is said and done more is said then done!"
HUONG THI THUY NGHIEM "Ida"
French Club; FBLA.
MEGAN MARIE NOE "Meg"
Symphonic Band 9-12 (Section Leader 11-12); Marching Band 9-12 (Drill Instructor 11-12); Jazz Band 9-11; District Band 11-12; Powder Puff 11-12. "In a mad world, only the mad are sane."
PRESCOTT ROBERT NOONE "Scooter"
Baseball 9-10; FBLA 9-12; Golf 11-12 (Captain); Lacrosse 12. "Ooooo me."

CARI MICHELLE OAKES "Bubbie"
FBLA 9, 11. "Cool Beans."
YOON-HEE OH
YARELLA CARMEN OLIVARES
FBLA Latino Stars. "Always look at the future with positive eyes."
REGINA YVETTE OWENS

YOUNG MI PARK "Caren"
Science Club 10; Marching Band 10; Concert Band 10; Junior Math Team 9-10; Korean Club 9-12; GHS 11-12; English Team 10. "Believe in yourself."

PHAEDRA ELIZABETH PATTON "Sassy"
VICA 11-12: District Contest 11; FBLA 12. "Live your life to the fullest."

DERRICK WILLIAM PAYNE "Opie"
Football 9-12; Baseball 9-12; Wrestling 9; VICA 11-12.

MICHAEL JAMES PERRY

KATHRYN D. PETAWAY

JOSEPH RICHARD PILKINGTON, II "Gumby"
Thespian Masquers Society 9-12 (President 12), (Historian 11); Forenics 9; Short Play Festival. "Party on, Dudes!"

WEYLIN GENE PORE

CHRISTINE PREVENSLIK
Wrestling Manager 11-12; Keyettes 11-12; French Club 12; Youth-to-Youth 12; Leadership 12. "Fine! Be that way!"

STEVE KING PROUD
Band 9; Film Crew 10. "He who has no name, he who is the wind, he who wields the fowl duck mace of the Hoity Toity."

KHOZEMA QAMRUDDIN "C.P. Eugene"
MAC 11 (Vice President); French Club 11-12; Lacrosse 9; FBLA 11-12; SGA 11; Ski Club 9-10; Drama 11; Rainbow 11.

HAMID RAHMAN
Soccer 9; VICA; FBLA 12.

SHADRACH LEROY RAMSDELL "Shad"
Wrestling 10; Power Meets. "We're living in troubled times — save the planet and ourselves."

PEJMAN RASHIDI "Page"
German Club 9-12; GHS 9, 10-12 (President); Tennis 9-12; Swim Team 9; French Club 10-12; It's Academic 11-12; Soccer 12. "Enjoy the silence."- DM

DANIEL PASSMORE REED
French Club 10-12; Art Club 11 (Vice President 11); Key Club 11; Boys State 11; Class President 11; Presidental Classroom 12; Cross Country 9-12; Ecology Club 11-12. "This is not the end. This is not the beginning. This is the end of the beginning."

JACQULIN KELLI REED

NICOLE SUZANNE RHOADS "Niki"
Marching Band 9-12 Ass't Drum Major 10-11; Drum Major 12; Symphonic Band 9-12; Drumline Captain 10; Section Leader 10-11; Band Council 10-12; Class Vice President 11-12; SAC 10-12 (Vice President 12); GAC 9-10; Girl's State 11; SGA 9-12; Junior Regional Band 9; Regional Wind Ensemble 10; Yearbook 11-12; "Anything Goes" 9; Richard the III 9; Powder Puff 11-12; Thespians 9-12. "..Cause the players tried to take the field, the marching band refused to yield, do you recall what was revealed, the day the music died?"- American Pie

ADAM BOYD RICE
Class Treasurer 12; Marching Band 9-12; Concert Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-11; Football 10, 12; SAC 12. "Let me be the evidence of what Your grace can do to a generation struggling to find themselves in You." Petra: Prayer

MICHAEL S. RIOLO "Rolo"
Football 11-12; Basketball 9-10; Baseball 9-12; FBLA 10-11; Key Club 11-12; Yearbook 12; DECA 12. "The more I know, the less I understand all the things I thought I figured out I have to learn again." Don Henley

MICHELLE BERNICE ROCHE "Mop"
Class Treasurer 9-10; Basketball 9; Soccer 9-12; Cheerleading 9-12 (Captain); NHS 10-12; MHS 10-12; Keyettes 11-12; Tennis 11-12 (Captain); Debate 10-11 (Treasurer); Math Team 11-12; Powder Puff 11-12. "Ride the Lightening." H

JOSE D. RODRIGUEZ

REBECCA ANN ROHM "Ernie"
Softball 9-12; Swim & Dive Team 11; NHS 11-12; MHS 11-12; FHS 10-12; FBLA 11; French Club 9-12, Keyettes 11-12, SADD 11; Marshall 11, Powder Puff 11-12; Yearbook 11-12 (Editor-in-Chief). "If you're going to do it right, do it the easiest way possible."

WENDY LOUISE ROLAND "Bert"
Drill Team 11-12; FBLA 9, 12; French Club 9-12; Keyettes 12. "See y-uns later, I'll be in the hills."

JERRI ROSS "Juice"
Keyettes 11-12; Basketball 9-12; Soccer 9-12; Powder Puff 11-12; Yearbook 12; SHS 11-12; SADD 12. "Emancipate yourself from mental slavery, no one but yourself can free your mind." Bob Marley

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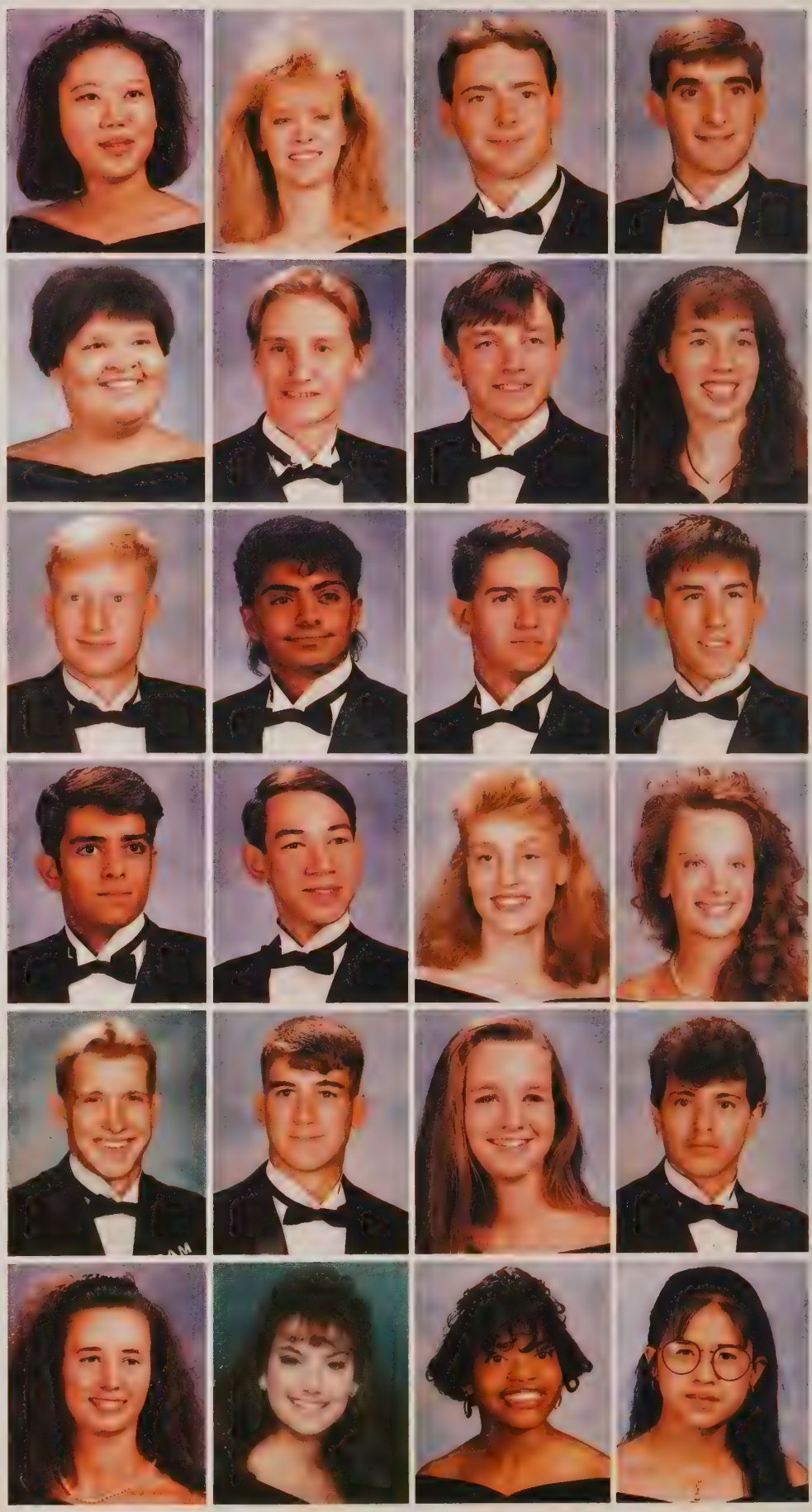

JILL MARIE RUSSELL
Swim Team 11; Tennis 12; French Club 11-12; SADD 11-12; Keyettes 11-12; Ecology Club 11; NHS 11-12; FHS 11-12 (President). "To live without loving is not really to live." Moliere

SUYAPA SALGUERO

JANETTE YVONNE SANDERS "Jan"
FBLA 9-11; SADD 11; Spanish Club 11. "Never underestimate yourself."

JAYMOND ALLEN SANTOS "Jay"
TSA 12; French Club 9-12; FBLA 10-11; Jr. Math League 10.

TRACEY M. SCOTT

BRANDON SCRAGG

JUSTIN SCRAGG

PHILIP MATTHEW SENKUS
"P.B.-1" DECA 11-12; VICA 11-12. "I view the world in agony and ecstacy."

GORDON WALTER SHAW
Soccer 9-11; Swim Team 9-12(Captain); NHS 11-12; Jazz Band 9, 12; Brass Quintet 9; Symphonic Band 9-12; Marching Band 9-12; District Band 9-12.

WILLIAM EDWARD SHEPPARD "Million Dollar Bill"
VICA 10-11. "Make goals and stick to them. Edison was fun and now it's time to go."

MICHELLE LYN SHERFEY "Smurf"
Cheerleading 9-11; Basketball 9-10; Softball 9-12; NHS 10-12; FBLA 10, 12; French Club 9; SGA 10. "I have this feeling that we're completely lost."

KI BUM SHIN

SAMUEL D. SHORT "Young Buck"
Wrestling 9-12; Track 9-10; VICA 9-12; DECA 12. "You can love, live, and party. But when the lovin' and living is over, there will always be a party."

SUNDEEP SINGH SIDHU "Sunny"
FBLA 10; English Team 10-12, President 12; SHS 10-12, Vice-President 12; Jr. Math League 10-11; Math Team 12; Interact 11-12; NHS 11-12; MHS 11-12; Honor Guard 11. "Originality exists in every individual because each of us differs from the others. We are all primary numbers divisible only by ourselves."

JEFFREY LEE SIMPSON

DONNA MARIE SIMS
FBLA 11; Swim Team Manager 11. "Value everything and everyone you have today because you can't take it with you when you go."

GIOVANNA ERIKA SIRVAS "Jill"
"I just want a good beat."

TODD ERIC SIUTA "Crash"
Football 9-10; Basketball 9; 11-12; Baseball 11-12; French Club 10-12; Marshall 11, FBLA 11; VICA 11. "Knowledge and wisdom are the real power!"

DOROTHY A. SLACK
"Let people know how you feel, especially if you love them. Life is way too short to waste time by playing silly games."

DANIEL SMITH

ERICA DEYON SMITH "Sweet Pea"
Edison Singers 12. "To all the underclassmen, stay positive and keep your head held high. For you will always be somebody in my eyes."

HEATHER DAWN SMITH "Bump"
French Club 9-11, Vice-President 12; FHS 9-12; Debate 9, 11; Wrestling Manager 9; SGA 9; SADD 10; It's Academic 12; Yearbook 12; Keyettes 12; Concert Choir 12. "Now is the time on Sprockets where we dance! Touch my monkey! Touch it! You are so angular. . ." Dieter, host of Sprockets.

SHAWN MICHAEL SMITH "Smitty"
Soccer 9; French Club 11-12; Lacrosse 11-12. "Who's your daddy?

VANNAK SO

STEVEN JAMES SOTERA

ROSS RONALD SPARACINO "Crip"
Latin Club 9; LHS 11-12; NHS 10-12; Soccer 9-12 (Captain); Yearbook Staff 12. "Nolite rogare guid tua patria vobis dare possit, sed guid vos tuae patriae dare possitis."-Kennedy

JESSICA PERRY SPEAR "Melonhead"
Marching Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 9-12; Indoor Track 9-11; Track 9-10; Cross-Country 11; Spanish Club 10; Powder Puff 11; FBLA 11; Keyettes 12. "All the world's a doorknob."

HEATHER MARIE SPENCER
Thespian/Masquers 9, 11; French Club 11; Spanish Club 11; FBLA 11-12. "Life is what you make of it."

ERIC DEMARCO STANDIFER
"What more can I say?"

PHILIP ALAN STEEVES "Phil"
Marketing 12. "I can't think of a quote."

JAMES FELTON STEWART
Basketball 9, 11-12; Track 9; MPAC 11. "What's up with the Buff young?"

ROBERT LOUIS STRINGHAM "Rob"
Track 9; Wrestling 9; Football 9-10; Math Team 10; 12; SADD 12 (Treasurer); VICA 9-10, 11(President), 12. "Sorry I don't know the answer, but I was absent."

LaTOYA ANITRA TAYLOR
FBLA 9-10, 12, VICA 9, 11-12.

MICHAEL TERRELL "Mike"
Football 9 (Manager).

MERERTU TESSO
FBLA 12; French Club 12; FHS 11-12. "Just don't give up!"

SHAWNICKLE TIMMONS "Nic"
Chorus 9; MPAC 11 (President); MPAC Dance Team 11; VICA 11-12 (Secretary); Gospel Choir 11; Track 11. "Two, one homes hill top is in the house. Peace."-Queen Pin

KIMBERLY ANN TODD "Kimmi"
Softball 9-11; FBLA 11; VICA 11-12(Reporter). "It's a country thing, you wouldn't understand!"

MARITANIA TORRES "Mari"
Choir 9; Drill Team 9; Drama Club 9; 11-12; SGA 11; Thespian 12; DECA 12; Yearbook Staff 12; French Club 12. "Throughout it all, memories are just the beginning for what the future may bring — the coming of a dream."

THAC NGUYEN TRAN "Marlboro" Jr.
Math League 10-11; MHS 11-12; Football 11; Vietnamese Club 12 (Vice-President). "Like, who cares, oh yeah!"

MATTHEW GARY TRUDELL
Football 9; Wrestling 9-10; Baseball 10-12. "Don't forget the little people."

BRIAN FRANK TRUSDALE "Trues"
Football 10-12; Wrestling 9; Baseball 9-12; DECA 11; FBLA 11-12.

CHANDA LARISSE TUNSTALL
FBLA; French Club; Math Team.

ANGELA LYNN TYSON "Angie"
FBLA 9-12; Spanish Club 10; Wrestling Mgr. 11-12; SADD 11; French Club 12. "Does my outfit look alright?"

CORY ALLEN TYSON "Weasel"
German Club 10-11, Historian 12; Marching Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12."That's Very Honkish"

DANIELE ELAINE URSO

MARVIN ELENILSON VENTURA

MICHAEL RODRIGUES VICTORIA
Wrestling 9-12; Football 9. "In this great future, you can't forget your past."

DIANNA LYNN VORON "Dirty Dianna"
COE 11, FBLA 11-12, SADD 12 (Vice President), Powder Puff 12 "So many adventures that are left today, so many songs we forgot to play, so many dreams swinging out of the blue — let them come true; forever young, I want to be forever young."-Alphaville

JEREMY EDWARD WARD
PRISCILLA DEON WARD "Cilla"
Choir 12; DECA 12. "Life comes and goes so you must live your life to the fullest and to your satisfaction."
STEPHANIE LYNN WATKINS
Cheerleading 9-11; Softball 9-12. "Oh my God"
JASON AMOND WEBSTER

ADAM MICHAEL WELLS "A. Wells"
Basketball 9-12; Baseball 9-12; FBLA 12. "Wud up Duude!"
KELLY MARIE WEST
CLAUDE A. WHEELER, III
SHERRI MICHELLE WHITE
FBLA 9; Softball 9; Student Leadership 9-10; Cheerleading 10; Powder Puff 11; DECA 12. "I MADE IT, I MADE IT!"

MICHAEL SHERWIN WIEST
CARNETTA TARTISHA WILLIAMS "Netta"
FBLA 9-10; Class Treasurer 11; MPAC 9-11 (Treasurer); Track Mgr. 11. "Cause I got it like dat!"
CORY ALLEN WILLIAMS "Mr. Bozack"
Football 9-10; Track 9, 11-12; French Club 9-10; MPAC 9-11; Talent Show 10-12; Chorus 9, 11. "If you aint Buffin' you ain't nuffin!"
KIMBERLY ANN WILSON
Cheerleading 10, 11; Yearbook 12; Softball 11; SGA 12. "Life moves by pretty fast. If you don't stop and take a look around, ya might miss it!"

RHONDA WINGO
CASIMIR W. YASUTIS "Caz"
Varsity Soccer 10-11; Captain 12; FBLA 11-12; Band 9-11; German Honor Society 11-12 (Treasurer, 12); Basketball 9; Powder Puff Cheerleader 11-12. "I am the driving experience that is Fahrvergnugen."
WON HUI YI
EUN-A YOO
Korean Club 10-12 (Secretary 11); Jr. Math Team 10, Multi-Cultural Fashion Show, 11; Band 11, 12. "Be prepared!"

KWANG HYUN YOO
PRINCEJEET KAUR SIDHU "PJ"
English Team 10-12 (Treasurer); SADD 10-12; FBLA 10; SHS 10-12 (Secretary/Treasurer); Jr. Math League 10-11; Math Team 12; Interact 11-12; Marshall 11. "Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living; the other helps you make a life."
ANNE MARIE STAFFORD

Learning by osmosis, Henry Mlodozeniec and Michelle Roche, are the **Most Intellectual** seniors. Henry juggled his duties as SGA President with a heavy academic load and Michelle was cheerleading co-captain and tennis co-captain.

A member of the senior homecoming court, Mike Victoria was voted by his classmates as the guy with the **Best Smile.** Also winning the honor was Sherri White.

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Showing true artistic skill, Danny McCutchen shows Carrie Keener how to draw the human form. Both students have developed their talents through art class.

Always hiding from the cameras, Amy King and Erik Goodman represent the **Shyest** seniors. You don't have to worry about these two being caught talking during tests.

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A Lasting Tradition

"Senior Superlatives" have become a tradition with Edison seniors. From their freshman year, seniors have looked forward to voting for their friends for the superlative positions. Many superlative categories have lasted through the years, including "Best Personality" and "Most Intellectual." Some others, such as "Best Dressed" and "Most Outgoing," have been developed over the years by generations of seniors. Winner of the "Most Talented in Music" category, Sarah Fellenbaum felt honored to be chosen for this superlative. "I was surprised and pleased to find out that I had won, because there are so many other musically talented people in our class," Sarah commented upon finding out the results. In the future, seniors hope to look back and see that our friends have excelled as we have predicted.

-Niki Rhoads

Cheerleaders Brian Benton and Kelly Frederick prove that they really are the **Most School Spirited.**

Making everyone's day brighter, winners of the **Best Personality** superlative are Koko Melkisetekian, Susan Bottomley, Carla Komich, Amy Hofbauer, and DeAnn Lance.

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Advanced placement courses and extracurricular activities add up for a busy schedule which Daniel Reed and Michelle Roche hope will lead to a bright future as they are **Most Likely to Succeed.**

Carrie King and Charles Green present originality and style as they dress for success every day for school. Despite their busy schedules, they always take time to look their best.

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Amy Hofbauer

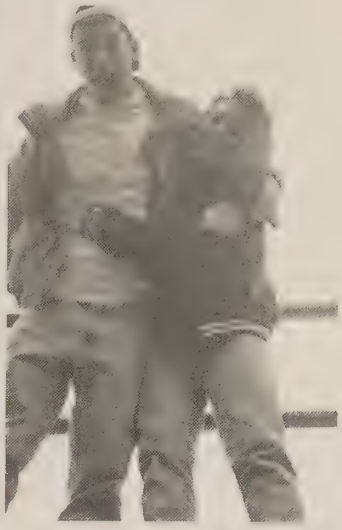
All individual in their own ways are the **Most Eccentric** seniors Mary Fondriest, Alfred Frazier, and Reza Marvashti. All of them are known for their original thoughts and ideas.

Most Musically Inclined Sarah Fellenbaum looks on as Adam Rice tickles the ivories. Adam is a talented trumpet player and Sarah is first-chair flute.

Reza Marvashti

Time, talent and committment are the qualities that anyone can see in Sarah Castleberry and Eugene Mays. These two seniors epitomize the word athlete.

Taking a break from their sports and activities to just "hang around" are the **Most Outgoing** seniors, Mike Riolo and Kelly Frederick.



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Spending countless hours in the theatre is par for the course for Chrissy Blackwell and Luke Duddridge. As **Most Talented in Drama** they both won major roles in drama productions during their four years of high school.

Seniors Go For Broke

"Another $30.00?? Man, I can't afford this!"

This was the cry of many students as the high expense of being a senior hit home. First, it was the newly-established parking fee to which many senior drivers unwillingly submitted. Next came the senior dues, a requirement they must fork-over in order to graduate. "At first I thought $30.00 was fairly steep, but then I realized that it wasn't considering it covered all of our graduation expenses," remarked senior Erica Haubert, secretary of the class. This came as a surprise to many of the seniors who believed that all the graduation expenses were yet to be announced. After this realization, seniors were much less reluctant to scrounge up the required money.

Because of the strenuous hard work of the senior class, the treasury was in a fairly stable condition throughout the year. Car washes, Faculty Follies, t-shirt sales and numerous other fundraisers paid off. "It was very time-consuming to raise the money needed these past four years, but in the end, it sure was worth it," commented Amy Dievendorf.

The seniors hoped for an inexpensive prom which would be the last and final expense. The fundraisers held in the spring lowered the expense of prom significantly, taking some of the burden away from the seniors' wallets and putting more on the entire senior class's "gold pot."

-Erica Ahdoot

Senior class sponsors, Mrs. Barbara Baker and Miss Kathy Furlong, help students find their names on the senior list. The students are also informed that these debts must be paid in order to graduate.

Amy Dievendorf

Jostens Representive, John Lamon, explains to senior Mike Evans the different varieties of graduation announcements. The display helped Mike decide whether or not he wanted to make the purchase.

Mike Riolo

Discussing the order form for caps and gowns, senior class officer Erica Haubert, helps Hwa Kim decide what sizes would suit her. This particular expense is fortunately added in as part of the senior class dues.

Erica Ahdoot
Lee Aisquith
A.J. Al-Hassan
Jennifer Anawalt
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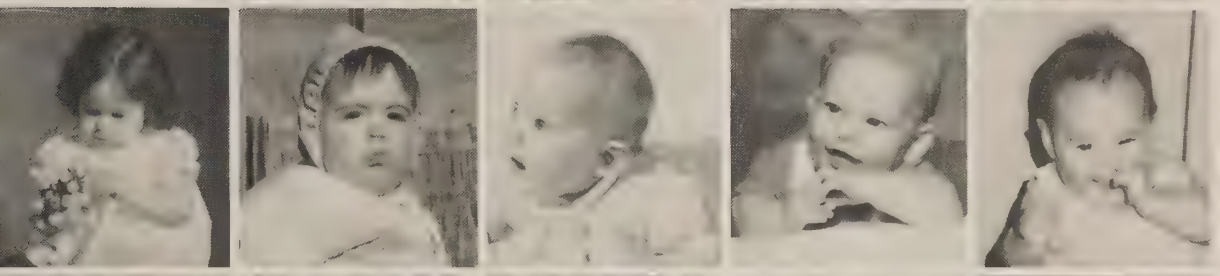

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Evans
Ralph Aucella
Brit Basham
Brian Benton
Gladys Berrios

Steve Blaine
Susan Bottomly
Tabitha Breeding
Jerry Brumbaugh
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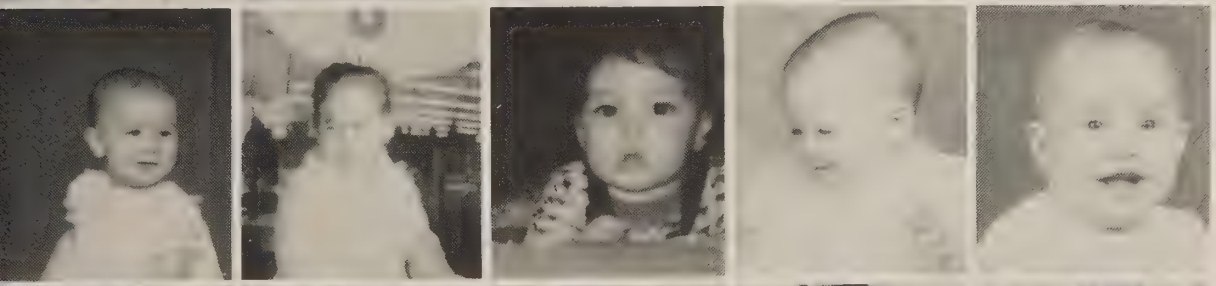

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Sarah Fellenbaum
Erin Fenstomacher

Jon and Tom Fiencke
Gillian Flower
Kelly Frederick
Sandy Girard
Gretchen Gist

Sahanna Gist
Carol Goode
Booby Hartman
Erica Haubert
Amy Hofbauer

Felicia Hyden
Amy King
Carrie King
Sandy King
Sharon Klinkert

Carla Komich
Michelle Kuc
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Jeanne Lewis
Michele Lynch
Roxanne Maddox
Jo Maillet

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Eugene Mays
Danny McCutchen
Sharon McKay
Missy Mereness

Cheryl Miller
Shane Mills
Hope Moran
Maggie Morton
Shaily Nair

John Newman
Cari Oakes
Yarella Olivares
Phaedra Patton
Christine Prevenslik

Simply the Best

Being a class officer takes a lot of time, hard work, and dedication. This becomes obvious to anyone who has ever sat in on an officers' meeting. Officers are responsible for projects that bring our classmates together and help fund class events, such as car washes, computer match-ups, faculty follies, senior talent show, and the annual powder puff game. The class officers are assisted by the senior class sponsors, Mrs. Barbara Baker and Miss Cathy Furlong. These two teachers were with the class for two years and their efforts have been applauded.

In addition to group responsibilities, the officers had their own individual tasks. Senior class President Kelly Frederick and Vice-President Niki Rhoads coordinated all the class activities. As secretary, Erica Haubert kept minutes for each meeting, informed the students by writing newsletters, and wrote thank you notes to all of those people who helped out the senior class. Treasurer Adam Rice did a wonderful job making ends meet and balancing the budget so the senior class could have a great prom. And historian Erica Ahdoot worked diligently over the past year to create a scrapbook of the senior class.

All of this shows how the senior class officers have given of themselves for Edison and the class of '92. We owe them a great big thank you because they were not just good, they were simply the best.

-Rebecca Rohm

Cathy Furlong

Working hard on painting the bleachers are class officers Niki Rhoads and Kelly Frederick along with classmate Jessica Spear.

Reza Marvasht

Amy Dievendorf

Eager to take Billy Culp's class dues, Adam Rice and Kelly Frederick man the cashbox at the senior class meeting.

Senior class officers Erica Ahdoot, historian, Erica Haubert, secretary, Adam Rice, treasurer, Niki Rhoads, vice-president, and Kelly Frederick, president, dutifully pose for their annual picture.

It's Not A Fatal Disease

Not all seniors get it, but most seniors at some point will come face-to-face with some form of "Senior Slump." Whether frightened at the thought of what lies ahead or excited about the prospect of getting out of high school, something comes over most high school seniors. "Application deadline time (February 1) will be when I finally hit rock bottom," remarked Missy Mereness. "Senior Slump hit early this year. Having a freshman brother has really emphasized the reality of being a senior," added Jessica Spear. This customary "disease" can only be cured by the ritual that we call graduation. The "Slump" usually hits sometime around Thanksgiving, and it lasts until June 15, at least for the class of 1992.

"Everyone always told me I would get it, but I insisted that there was no way that would happen to me. But now I know that 'senior slump' happens to everyone during his or her senior year. All I can think about is June 15th!" confessed Amalie Hofbauer.

There are many symptoms that come along with this disease. They include going out to lunch and missing several days of school due to fatigue or nice weather. Another common symptom was watching mindless television instead of writing a ten-page essay on the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's.

Never fear though, the class of 1992 will be cured, but the disease is very contagious. Start watching for symptoms through the halls of Edison next Thanksgiving.

-Niki Rhoads

Daydreaming about life after high school, senior Thac Tran escapes from the mundane surroundings of his art class.

Reza Marvashti

Jerri Ross

Stress takes its toll as deadlines approach. Sandy Girard, editor-in-chief, nervously bites her nails as she thinks about the impending newspaper deadline.

Aggression takes over as Shad Ramsdell combats senior slump. He prepares to fling his bologna sandwich at a group of friends seated nearby.

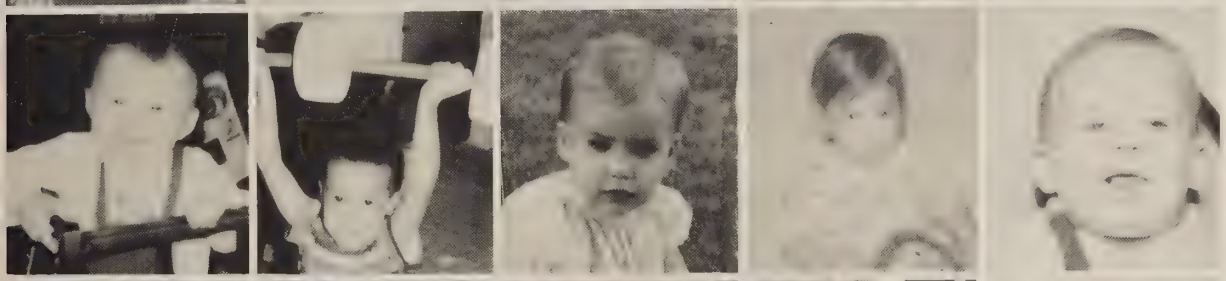
Reza Marvashti

Steve Proud
Khozema Qamruddin
Shad Ramsdell
Pejman Rashidi
Daniel Reed

Jackie Reed
Niki Rhoads
Adam Rice
Michael Riolo
Rebecca Rohm

Wendy Roland
Jerri Ross
Jill Russell
Janette Sanders
Philip Senkus

Michelle Sherfey
P.J. and Sunny Sidhu
Heather Smith
Shawn Smith
Jessica Spear



Philip Steeves
James Stewart
Kim Todd
Mari Torres
Brian Truesdale

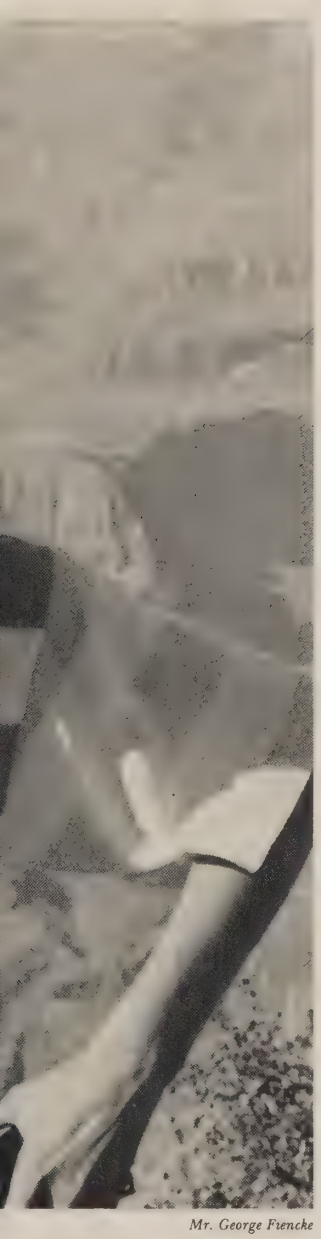
Chanda Tunstall
Angie Tyson
Cory Tyson
Dianna Voron
Priscilla Ward

Kelly West
Sherri White
Mike Wiest
Carnetta Williams
Kimberly Wilson

While visiting the Grand Canyon on summer vacation, brothers Jon and Tom Fiencke pose for posterity. This was a rare moment, for they were seldom ever seen together during school hours.

Brothers Jason and Danny Lloyd maintained a close friendship throughout their high school years. In his spare time, Jason was a volunteer firefighter for the Franconia fire station. He plans to make a career out of saving lives.

John Newman



Mr. George Fiencke

John Newman

Twins P.J. and Sonny Sidhu looked forward to starting college. The two took classes at Northern Virgina Community College during sixth and seventh period. Both would enjoy a job in the medical field.

Although they only attended Edison for their senior year, brothers Justin and Brandon Scragg (below) were quickly accepted by the students. It wasn't hard to figure out who was who: Justin was soft-spoken while Brandon was more outgoing.

Heather Smith

Double Take

Sometimes you saw them together, but most of the time they went their separate ways. Twins J. and Sonny Sidhu were nconcerned with the fact hat they graduated at the me time. "It feels fine," ney explained. "It's really ot a big deal," added Sony. They seemed glad that here was someone that they ould count on and with hom they could share that pecial day.

Graduation was a sibling affair. Five pairs of brothers and sisters received their diplomas together: the Sidhus, Danny and Jason Lloyd, Gretchen and Sahanna Gist, Jon and Tom Fiencke, and Justin and Brandon Scragg. Being seniors simultaneously did pose some problems, however. Families had to double the expenses for items such as yearbooks, graduation announcements, caps and gowns, senior dues and college application fees. Jon Fiencke said, "I wish my brother had graduated last year so that I could have the car." Tom added, " There was always a problem with who would get the car." While sisters Gretchen and Sahanna Gist shared school experiences and privileges at home, Gretchen commented, "Sahanna was around constantly and that gets annoying sometimes," but she was glad to have someone there to graduate with her. After graduation, Sahanna planned on training to become a nurse while Gretchen wanted to pursue a career in teaching government.

The bonds shared by all the siblings were evident all year 'round. Whether they needed a friend to talk to or someone with whom to share their innermost feelings, all the brothers and sisters could count on their significant other to be there. Time moves on and the siblings faced the possibility that they wouldn't be together during the years to come. No matter what, they would keep their family bonds strong.

-Heather Smith

Hanging out in senior court, Mike Victoria demonstrates his severe case of senioritis. For Mike the only cure was a senior skip day.

Reza Marvashti

Racing around the corner, seniors Erica Ahdoot and Jerri Ross find fun in a good old game of tag. These crazy kids spent their day off at a friend's house filled with fun and frolic.

Kelly Frederick

Seniors Skip Out

One of the many traditions passed on to the class of 1992 was a chance to "get away from it all," to "see the world," put into simple terms- to skip a day of school. Long ago the county used to look the other way so that the senior class could have a skip day. However, in recent years, the county has said that a senior skip day is unnecessary because of the annual senior picnic at the end of the year. This ruling from the county has not stopped the seniors; in fact, seniors of today are actually taking more senior skip days than ever before. Seniors took their first "senior skip day" the first day of the second quarter. Although they had already had a four-day weekend due to teacher workdays, the seniors decided one more day would be fun. "We had a barbeque and watched 'Total Recall'," said Mike Riolo as he talked about the day. "It was nice just being able to stay out of school one more day, knowing that everyone else had to spend the day there."

In addition, Edison has enforced a new attendance policy. However, this year's seniors were not afraid to take a walk on the wildside by risking one of their five absences for a senior skip day. These brave seniors didn't mind as long as they could spend the day with fellow seniors.

When the weather was good, many seniors headed toward Old Towne to play vollyball at Founders' Park. Other seniors held impromptu parties at their homes and some went to Burke Lake Park.

For some of these seniors this was their last chance to create fond memories before moving into the real world.

-Niki Rhoads and DeAnn Lance

Reza Marvashti

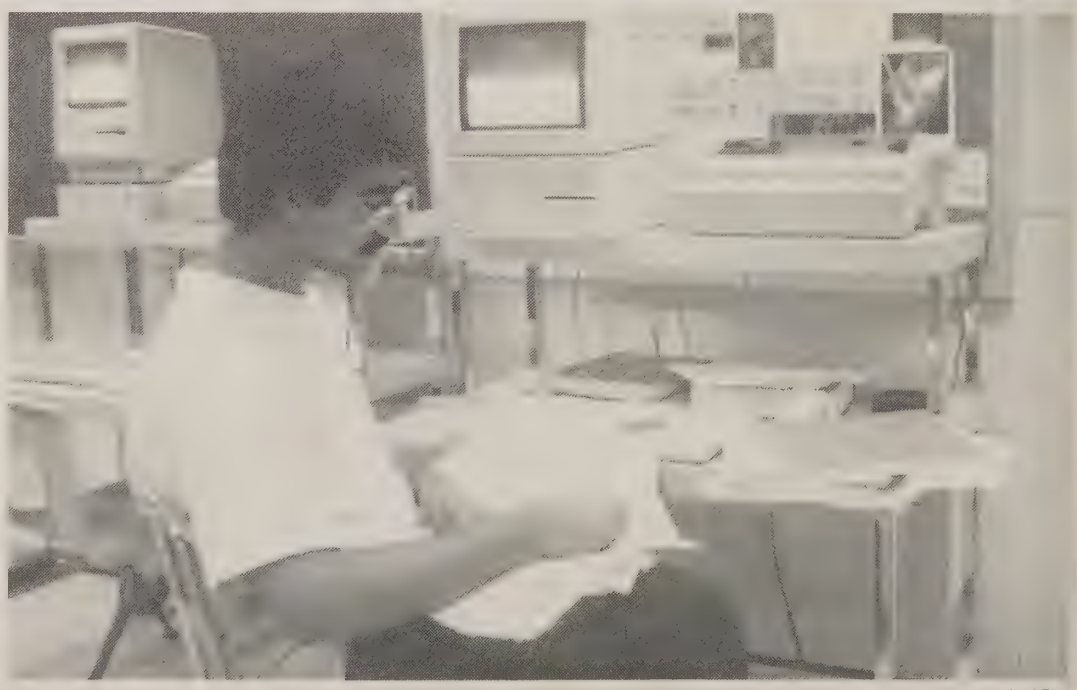
Getting into a car after checking out, seniors Ted Hall, Helen Guest, Carrie Keener, and Kim Wilson anticipate the day ahead of them. Senior Skip Day gave these best friends some quality time together.

Dick Frederick

Enjoying a day in the park are seniors Mary Fondriest, Shad Ramsdell, Prescott Noone, Kelly Frederick, Brian Benton and Christine Prevenslik. These seniors were lucky enough to have a day of fresh air, instead of a day with their noses in their books.

Absorbed in her thoughts, Jill Russell researches information about colleges in Barron's Guide to Colleges. The search for the "perfect" college took a great deal of time and many students visited area schools before finishing their applications.

Many physics students took advantage of the new computer lab by typing up their essays after school. Sunny Sidhu edits his college application essay bofore sending it off.



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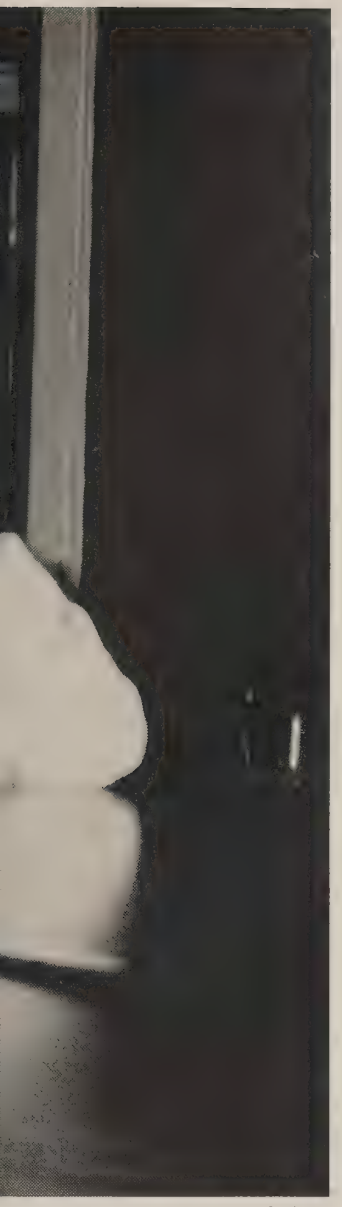


Jerri Ross

Seniors Apply Themselves

The months of November, December, and January were filled with anxiety and stress caused by the tedious chore of finishing college applications and meeting deadlines. Unfortunately for some seniors, the job of preparing for college proved to be overwhelming. Daniel Reed commented, "It's a pain because you keep filling out the same information again, and again, and again. . .it interferes with school because of the deadlines that you have to make."

The responsibility of obtaining teacher recommendations, doing well on entrance exams, and maintaning a good academic standing produced a great deal of stress that many seniors would have been happier to deal without. "It's just so stressful. A good idea would be to turn in your recommendations as soon as you get them because teachers will forget to do them and will put them off. It's really upsetting if you miss a deadline because you don't have your recommendations.

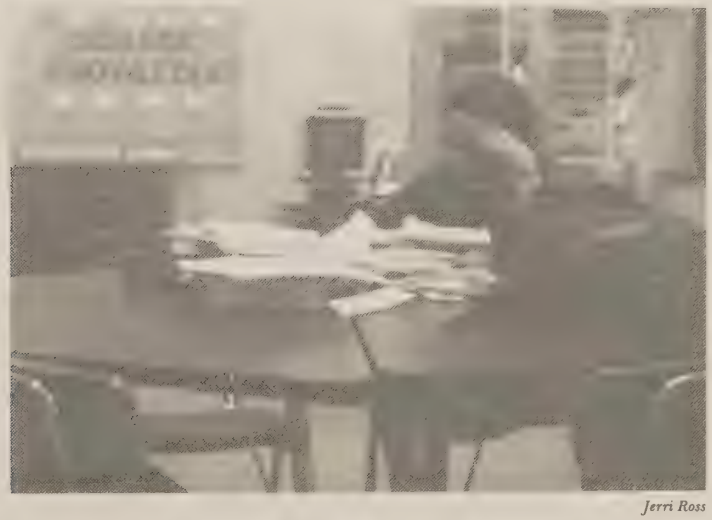
Many of the seniors agreed that careful planning and organization can alleviate some of the stress associated with applying to colleges. Some helpful advice given by Jill Russell was, "Find out as much as you can about colleges that you're interested in before applying. Start researching early so you don't run out of time." Some even said that if they could go through the process again, that they would definately do it differently. "I learned that I should have looked at colleges at the beginning of my junior year so I could have turned in my forms for early decison in September, and still have been able to turn in all my other applications for regular decisons finished by the beginning of the second quarter," remarked Henry Mlodozeniec.

Weekends that were filled up with writing essays and finishing applications left few moments for seniors to enjoy their free time. However, there were some seniors who were fortunate enough to have applied for early decision, and were accepted. Michelle Roche and Erica Haubert were accepted early at the College of William and Mary. When asked how she felt about being accepted early, Michelle replied, "I'm so glad that I only had to fill out one application. If I hadn't been accepted early, I would have been under so much pressure, since I would have had to fill out so many more applications. Now I feel like I can go through the rest of the year and try and enjoy it since I don't have to worry about college anymore."

-Jerri Ross

Jerri Ross

Mrs. Lori Burns helps Maggie Eldak find information on scholarships and financial aid for which she can apply. The career center was indispensible for some seniors.



Jerri Ross

Senior Shaily Nair finds out the hard way that preparing for college is much easier if one can plan ahead. Many students began their college search during their junior year.

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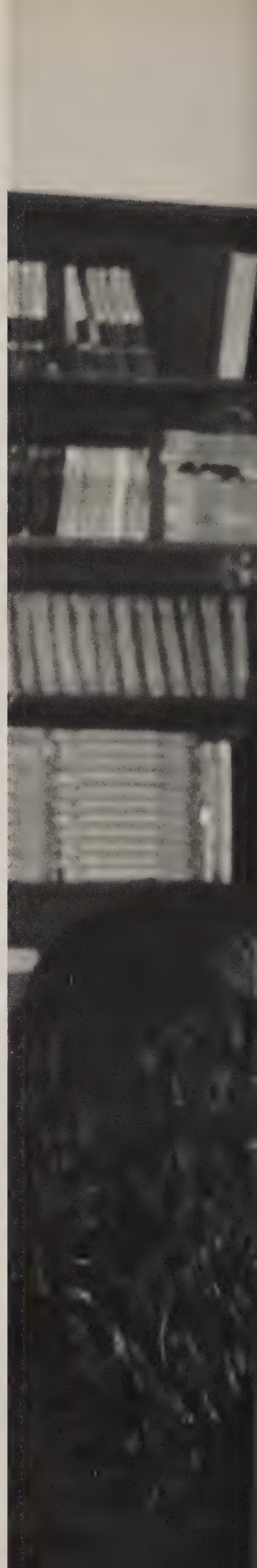
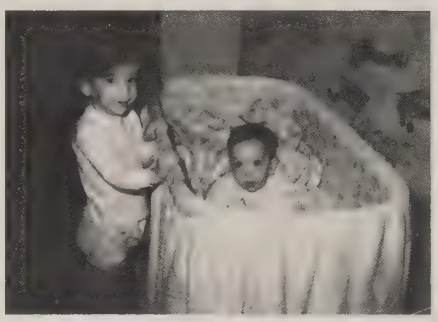
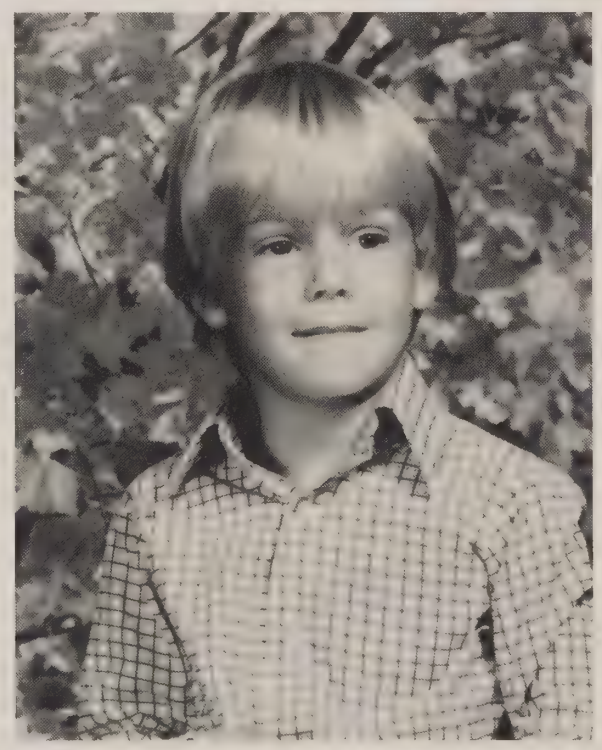


Preparing for the pep rally prior to the West Springfield game, seniors Amy Hofbauer, Jeanne Lewis, Missy Mereness, and Maggie Morton don Greek togas. The Spartans won the game, but Edison never lost its spirit. To find where these girls appear elsewhere in the book, turn to the index.



You and I have been there
through good times and bad,
sad moments and happy occasions,
parties, weddings and funerals,
graduations and get-togethers.
We've shared times of joy and grief,
heartache and pain, and other things,
too —
like tapes, formal dresses, boys, cars,
jeans, and sometimes rooms —
mostly far from home.
We've shared memories, dreams,
and opinions,
hopes, fears, and even a little anger.
—
But most of all, we have shared love
and the knowledge that
we are always there for each other
through all these things.
Niki, the best is yet to come for us —
I can't wait. Congratulations! I love
you.
Follow your dreams.
Sissy



Robb —
From kindergarten through your senior year, we have helped you grow. We wish you the best and will always be here.

Love, Your Family

To Robby:
From little "apple cores" great friendships grow! It's been a joy all the way!
Love and best wishes always,
Wynn

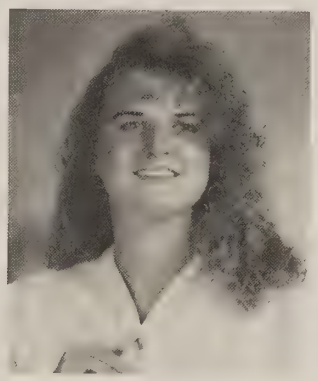
Aaron,

Congratulations! You're an outstanding example of what Jesus Christ can do in one's life. The close walk you share with the Lord has guided you through some tough and lonely times.

Dad and I are so very proud to call you son. Through you, we have been richly blessed.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Philippians 4:13
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.



Congratulations, Amy!

Although we no longer need to hold your hand, we will always be there for you.

WE LOVE YOU!
Dad, Mom and Lynn

To our son and friend, Ronnie Lynn,

The day we became parents was the greatest gift God has given us and it is because of the kind of son that you have been. All the stages you have experienced through your growing up years have given us pleasure and wonderful memories.

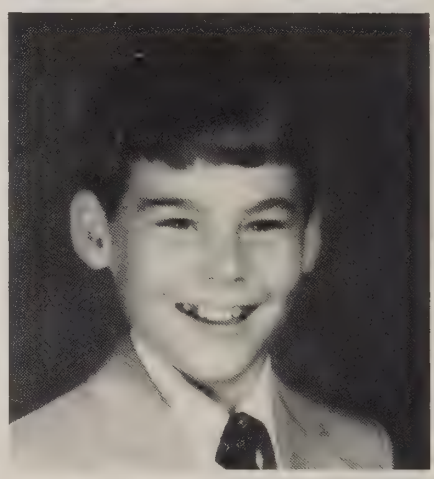
Your earlier baby days were filled with sickness, hospitalization and many doctor visits. But through prayers and God's love, you grew to be a healthy boy — one who could take on Darth Vader, E.T., soccer, football, baseball, piano playing and founder of Fairfax County stray animals. Having you as our son has made our life richer, but a little grayer, especially when you got your driver's license. We knew it was the beginning of your independence and the end of our chauffeuring days. Now when we go places together you are the driver and we are the passengers.

We have enjoyed all our talks on life's experiences you have encountered, some pleasant, some not so pleasant and know sometimes you thought of us more as preachers than teachers. Ronnie Lynn, the talks were because we love you and care about you and hope you know we will always be here for you.

They say that music is a glorious gift from God and you have been the **"HIGHNOTE"** of the whole family, not only as a son, but also as a loving and caring grandson and nephew.

We are proud of your accomplishments and leave you with this thought: **Winners never quit and quitters never win!** May the Force Be With You. Good luck in college and we pray God blesses you with as much happiness as you have given us.

Love, Mom and Dad



Love Your Life

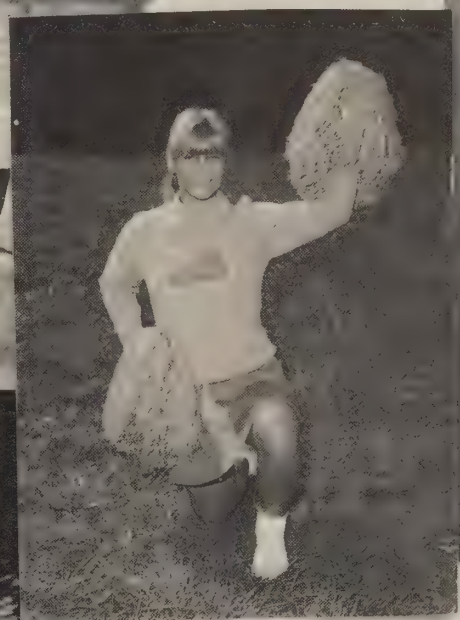
We cannot
listen to what
others want us to do
We must listen
to ourselves
Society
family
friends
do not know what
we must do
Only we know
and only we
can do what is
right for us
So start right now
You will need to
work very hard

You will need to
overcome many obstacles
You will need to go
against the better
judgment of many people
and you will need to
bypass their prejudices
But you can have
whatever you want
if you try hard enough
So start right now and
you will live
a life designed
by you and for you
and you will
love your life

Brit...

As you venture into a new phase of your life, please remember... don't strive to impress others, but strive to impress yourself. Be the person you were meant to be and know that I will always be there for you.

I love you...Mom



If We Don't Take Chances,
then We'll Never Find the Rainbows

If we don't ever take chances,
we won't reach the rainbows.
If we don't ever search,
we'll never be able to find.
If we don't attempt to get over
our doubts and fears,
we'll never discover how wonderful
it is to live without them.
If we don't go beyond difficulty,
we won't grow any stronger.
If we don't keep our dreams alive,
we won't have our dreams any longer.

But . . .
if we can take a chance now and then,
seek and search, discover and dream,
grow and go through each day
with the knowledge that
we can only take as much as we can give,
and we can only get as much out of life
as we allow ourselves to live . . .

Then . . .
we can be truly happy.
We can realize a dream or two along the way,
and we can make a habit of
reaching out for rainbows
and coloring our lives
with wonderful days.

Each and every one of us
has the ability to reach out,
to grow, to change for the better,
to set our goals and to begin
traveling in the direction
of our dreams.

If there is any secret at all
to being happier in life,
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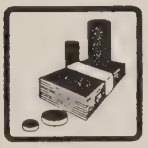

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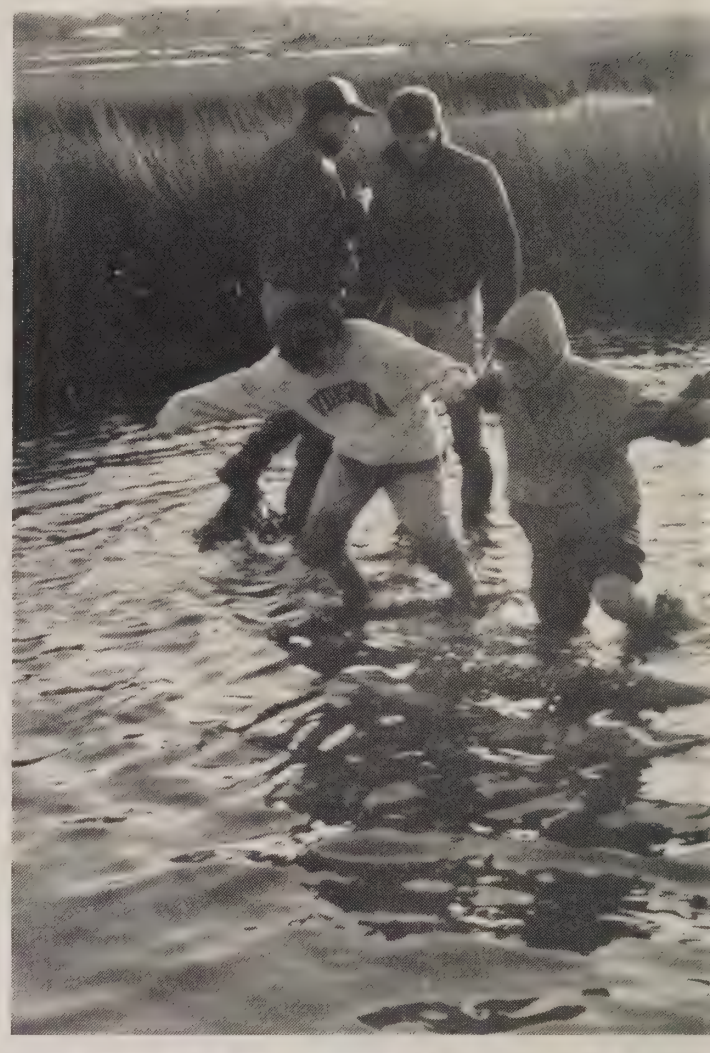
THINGS • WILL NEVER BE • THE • SAME *again*

For most of us the year came and went in the blink of an eye, and it brought many changes that will stay with us for years to come. Seniors looked forward to new and greater things after graduation such as college, going into the work force, or perhaps even the armed forces.

However the majority of the students got ready to face another year at Edison, although with the proposed budget cuts it was hard to tell what could happen. For example, last year to raise funds the parking fee sky-rocketed from $3 to $100. Next year classes could be cut, fewer teachers and counselors could be available to the students, and we could lose a sports team or two. In fact, the school board had planned to cut the swim and dive team for next year but the parents and the booster club fought hard to keep it. Sophomore Brian Rosman commented, "The swim and dive programs at Edison are spectacular, especially because of the coaching staff. I was disappointed to see the school board thinking of dismissing the program without giving it a chance."

If it were not for all the money and support that organizations like the PTA and booster clubs gave us, things at Edison could be a lot worse. As students, we should follow their example and make our voices heard so that Edison can continue to be the same great experience for students in the future as it has been in the past. This way Edison can continue to grow so that other students can someday join the class of 1992 in saying that. . .

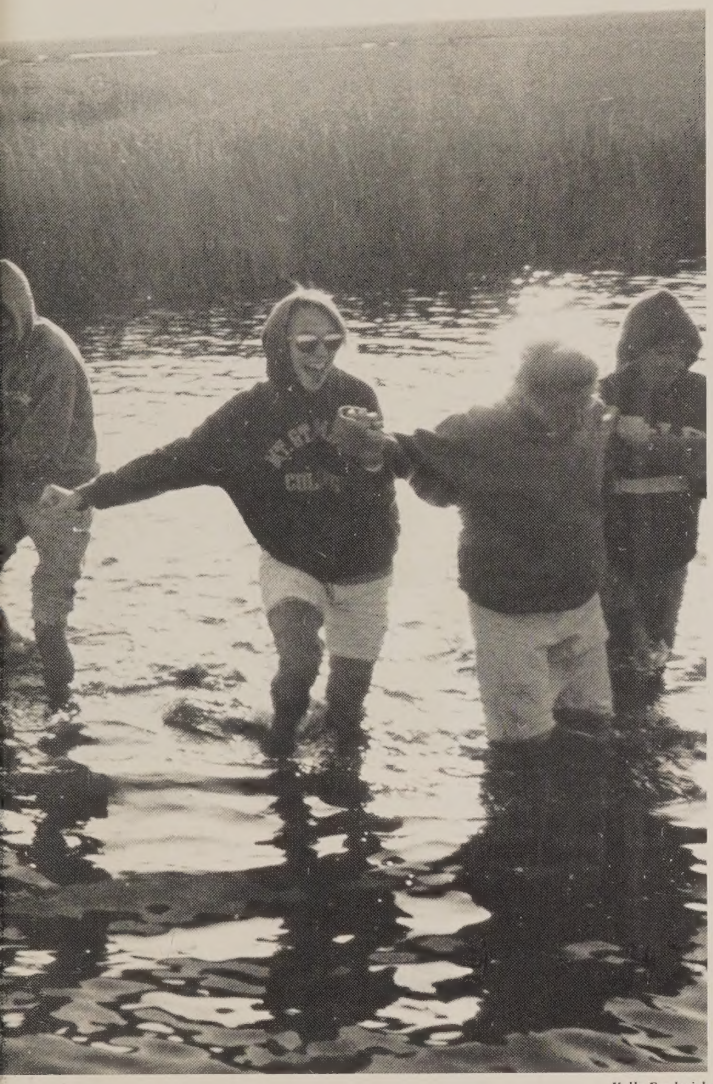


While on a trip to Wallops Island, many students decided to get a closer look at a salt marsh. Little did they know that it was like quicksand once you stepped in. Because of the pending budget cuts, students may not be able to go on any field trips next year.

Reza Marvashti

During a strenuous swim practice, it is hard to find the time to rest, but sophomore Kelley Caspar manages a quick breath in between butterfly strokes.

"We were all so relieved that the school board decided not to cut the reading teachers from high school beacuse reading is vital to every other facet of the curriculum," commented Mrs. Martha Price while assisting Michelle Roberts with her studies.



Kelly Frederick

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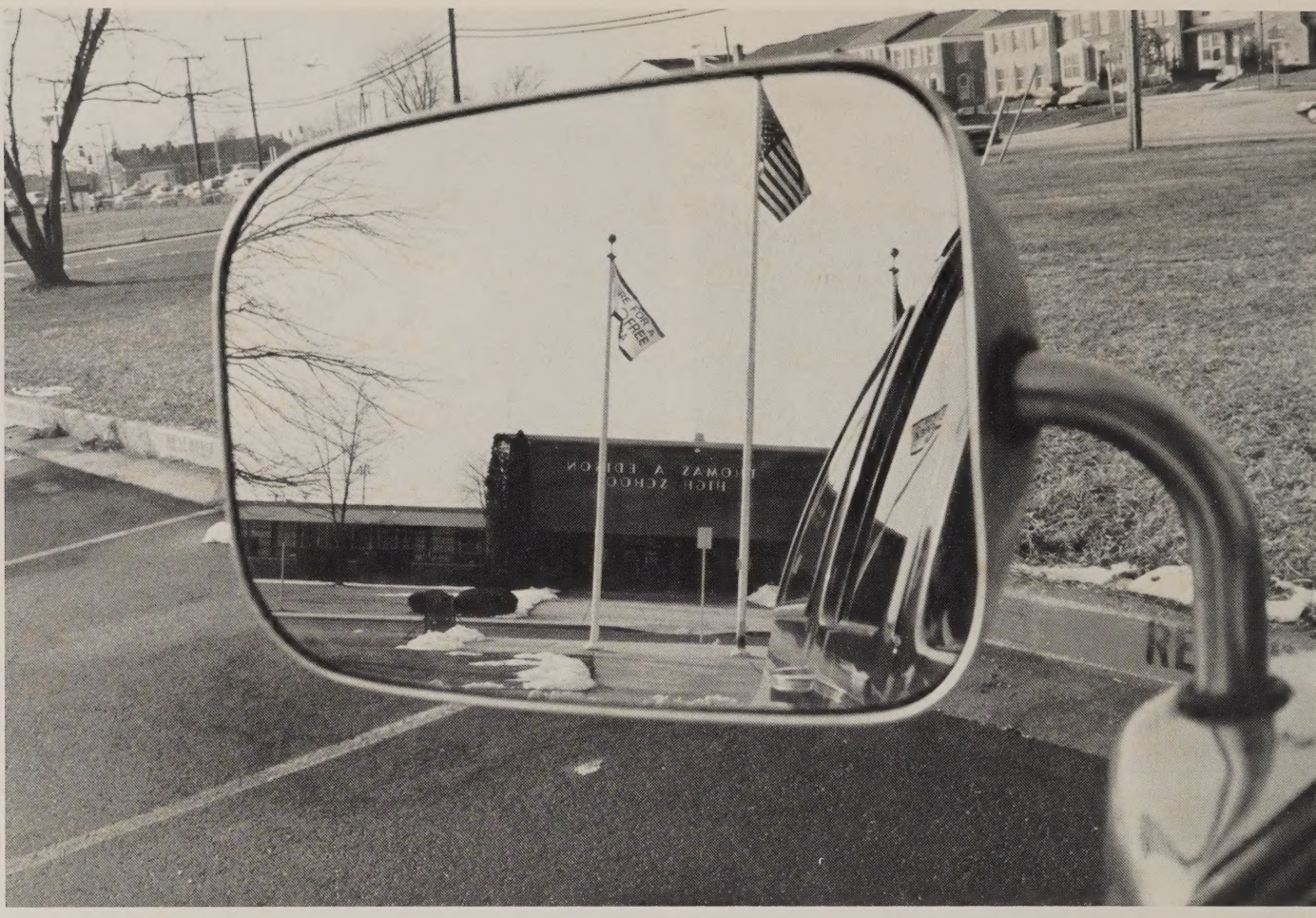
Despite the fact that we faced budget cuts, we never lost our school spirit. For seniors, spirits were especially high as they anticipated their last days at Edison. Their contagious spirit caught onto the underlassmen as the stands roared with deafening cheers.

On a trip to Camp Hemlock, student leaders learned to work together in solving problems. Senior Kelly Frederick balances on a board relying on Maggie Eldak, Sandy Girard, and Sarah Green to keep her from falling.



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The 1991 Thomas A. Edison High School yearbook staff was recognized in *The Yearbook Yearbook,* published by Dallas-based Taylor Publishing Company, for excellence in page design (academics).

The *Talon* was edited by Megan Kenny, now a freshman at Virginia Tech, and advised by Kristen Leedom. The academics section was designed by senior Rebecca Rohm, this year's editor.

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This year's edition of the *Talon* was selected as a sample book which Taylor representatives will use to market their publications to high schools all across America. Only seventy-two books nationwide were chosen for this honor.

The 1992 *Talon* staff is proud of its accomplishment and hopes that those who read this year's edition will enjoy it as much as we enjoyed creating it.